





*"F.D.R. wore a cloak. I can't see any of these guys
wearing a cloak."*



"Oh, my God! It's alive with the sound of music."





Blind Date





"Rattan means you're fun."





"I think someone put him on hold and then disconnected."



“Dad, here’s that update on my childhood you requested.”



*"I'm still very fond of you, Marilee, but I'm getting tired
of our Uptown Wimp-Downtown Flake combo."*



"Quid pro quo isn't good enough for me, Ed!"

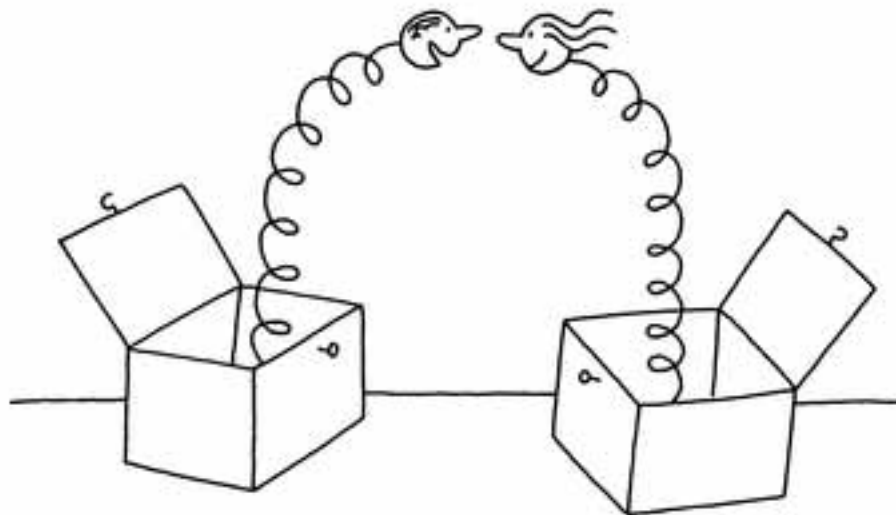




“Limbo as such has been phased out, but we’ll be keeping you on hold for an unspecified amount of time.”



"We laugh at the same things."



Barsotti

"What a nice surprise!"





"I wonder if we're talking about the same Grace Jones."

REVISED TEXTS



R. Chast



"I'll have the Master of Business Administration Lunch."



"That looks like fun."





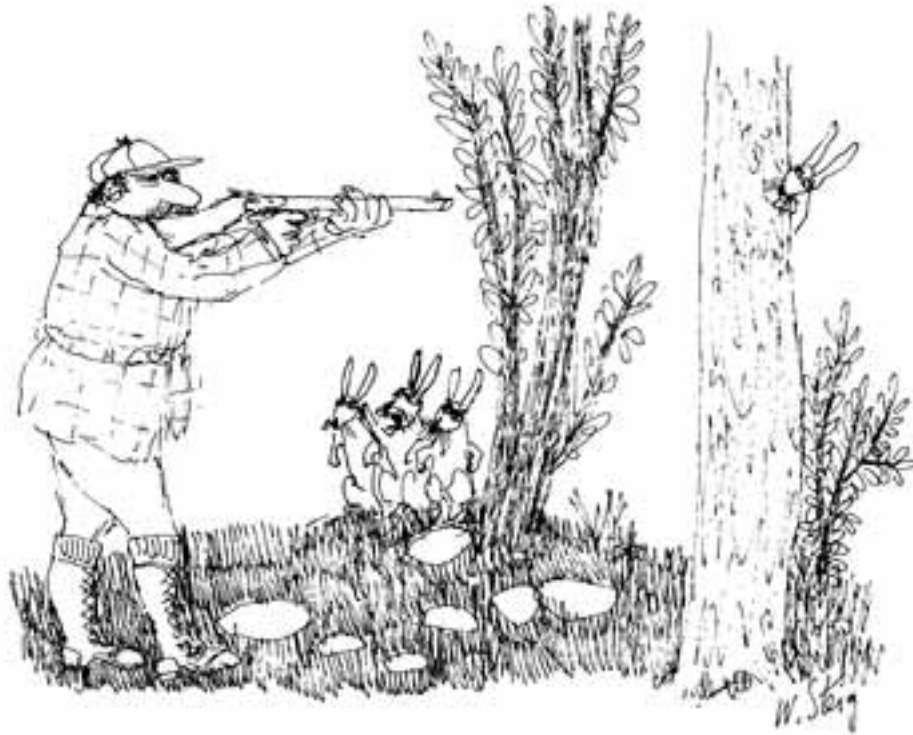
"My doctor says I've got to cut down on guns—I mean butter."



"Now that we've been introduced, Mr. Kelvey, I'd like to bring an old friend of mine—the interrogative sentence—into our conversation."



"My day? One amazing slam-dunk after another."





"I'm having trouble with the ending."





"Love the twigs. Very Vermont."



"Stop looking so married!"

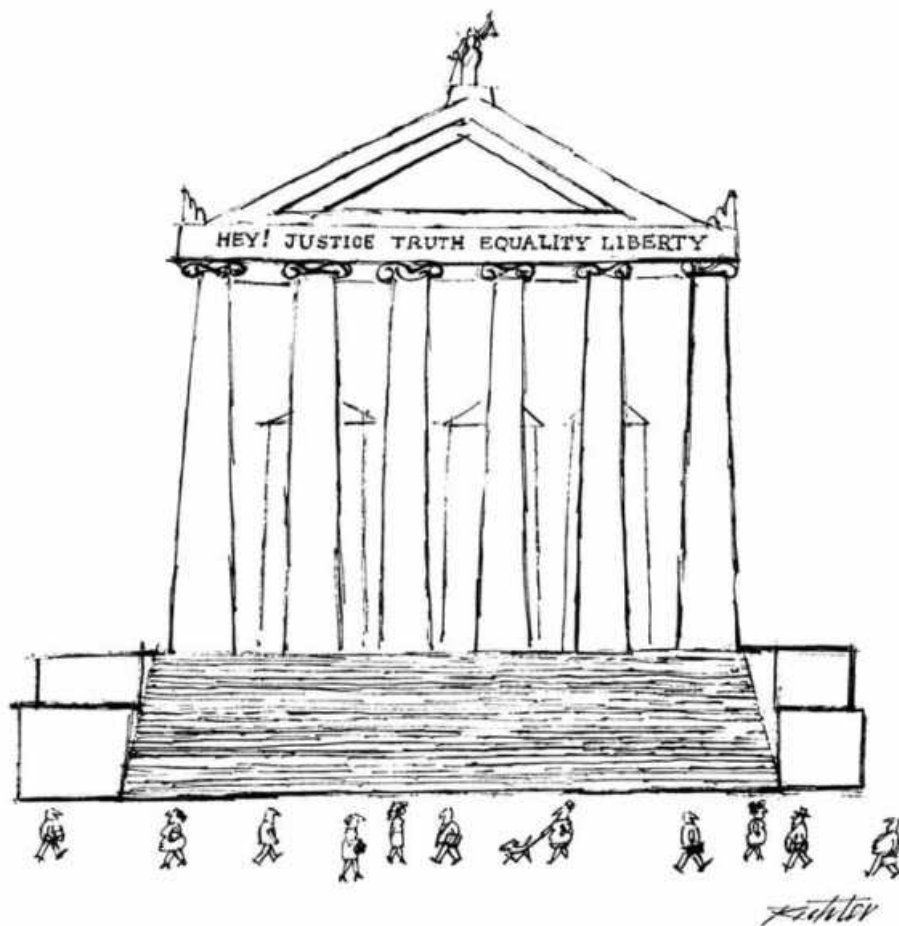


Stout Cortez and Some Wild Surmises



*"Joyce, I'm so madly in love with you I can't eat, I can't sleep,
I can't live without you. But that's not why I called."*







*“Have you got something that will make me feel
a little less guilty?”*



"We must be in the Italian Alps."

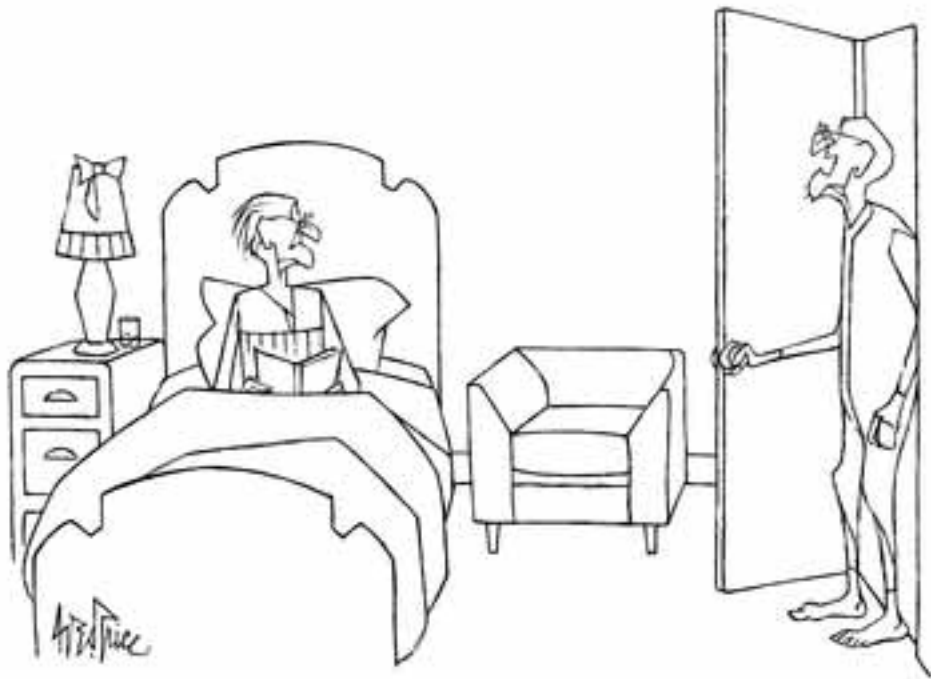


“Ralph said he’d give up cigars if I gave up Prince Charles and Di.”





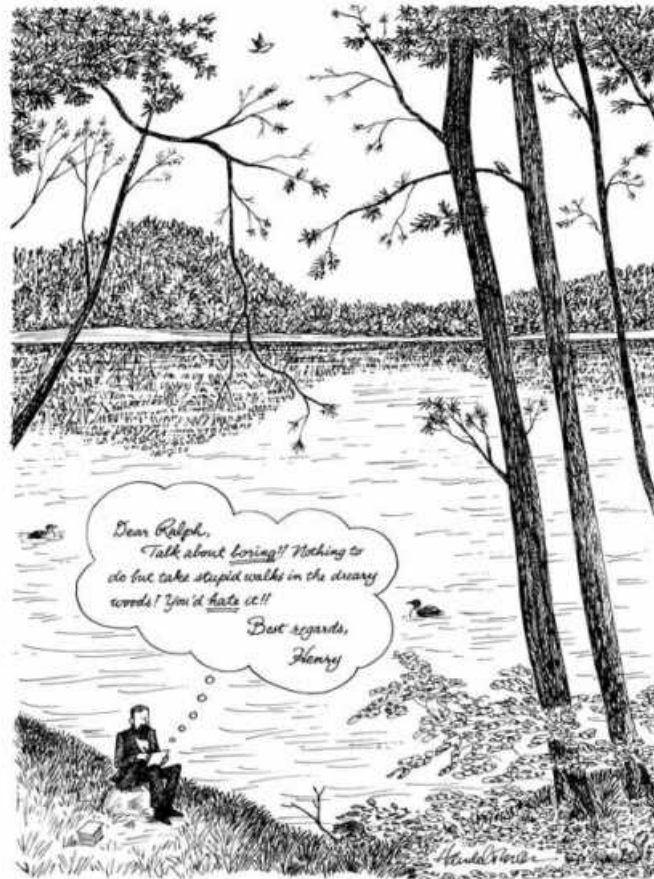
"We go to these things hoping to discover either a terrific new artist or a good, cheap, drinkable California white."



"It's me, Clara—authorized personnel."



"In my plan, the atomic bomb is used only for emphasis."



*By Strategic Use of Postcards, Thoreau Manages
to Keep Walden Pond Unspoiled.*



*“Oh, do you really like it? It’s steeped in
the history of the Aegean.”*

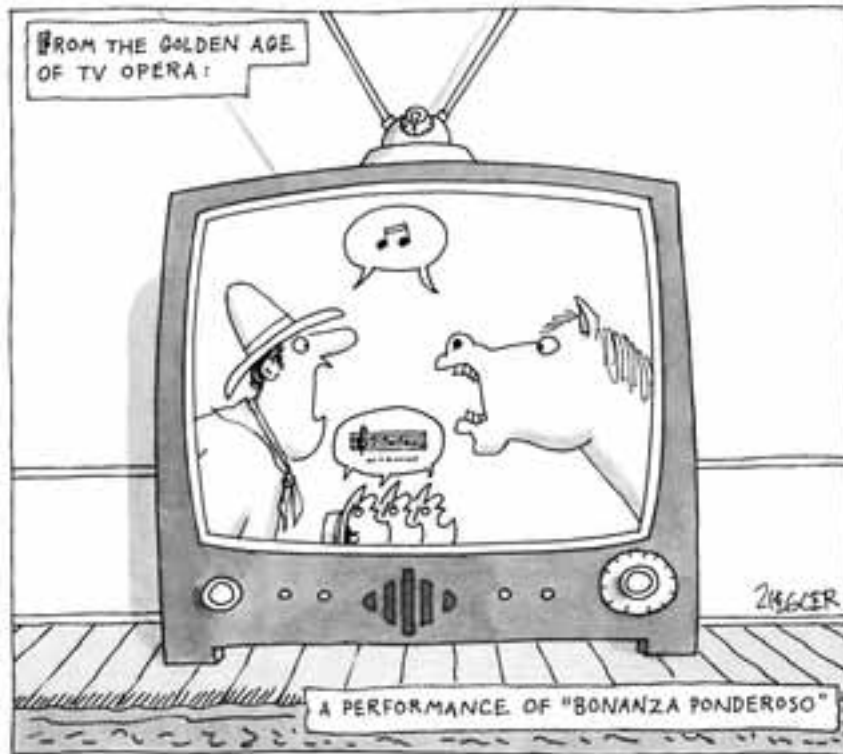


“Your Honor, the jury finds the defendant weakly developed as a central character, overshadowed by the principal witnesses, unconvincingly portrayed as a victim of society, and guilty as charged.”



“Nothing serious, Bob—just a case of the forties.”







“After all their years together, Jonathan still tends to shy away from confrontation.”





"You certainly know how to show a girl a good time."



"Boy, are you a tough nut to crack! This is its fifth season, and you still don't like it."



Siblings







A MYSTERY, WRAPPED IN AN ENIGMA,
SERVED ON A BED OF LETTUCE.



"It's a sort of Birdman of Alcatraz situation, except that Martin here isn't a bird."





“Mr. Kellwood is looking for someone to assist him in recasting his journals into a form suitable for a wider audience. The tone should be urbane, warm, and scholarly—somewhat in the manner of Lewis Thomas, but, of course, about plywood.”



“Think spring.”



"I want you to know that emotion overrode reason."



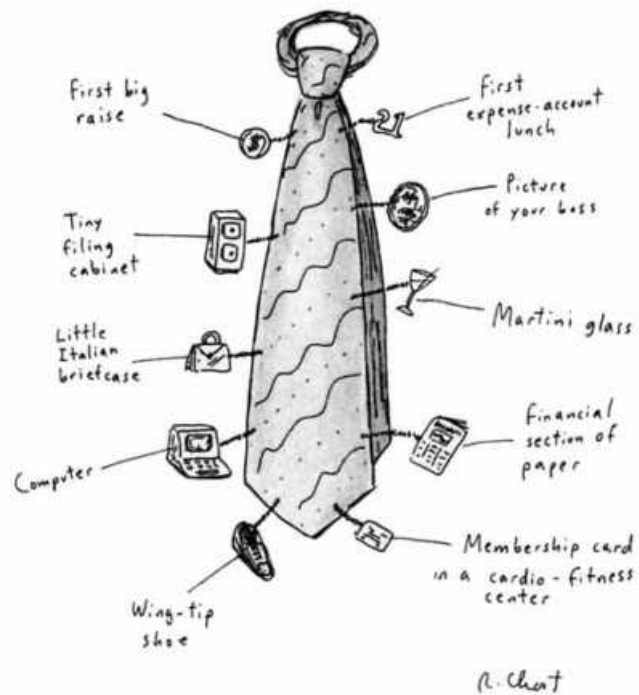
*The First Trans-SoHo Snow Brigade Links Up at
Spring Street near West Broadway.*





"Next, a message of importance from Chicken Little."

FOR THE SENTIMENTAL EXECUTIVE -
THE CHARM TIE





"It sure is great to have you back for a while at the mother ship."



“Didn’t I just usher in an era of good feeling?”





"Don't sweet-talk me, Buster."



"So! You've devoured your mate! Well, good for you, Olga, honey!"



“Before I begin, I should warn you that in my quest for truth and my relentless war against corruption I will now and then split an infinitive and end an occasional sentence with a preposition.”



“Genial, outgoing Gil Wheat, I guess you know everybody: quiet, mild-mannered John Lilienthal; mordant, sardonic Geoff Relf; compact, dynamic Jim Stockton; serious, high-minded Art Herzog; brilliant, mercurial John Motheral; and me, of course—long-winded, boring Stan Norton.”



“Denise, will you be my co-anchor?”



“Well, thanks anyway for sharing your financial plight with us.”







*"I'd love to see you again,
but not in mohair."*



"I find that having a lot of money works for me."





*"At the time of the incident, I was employed in the
Dunbar house as a pet."*



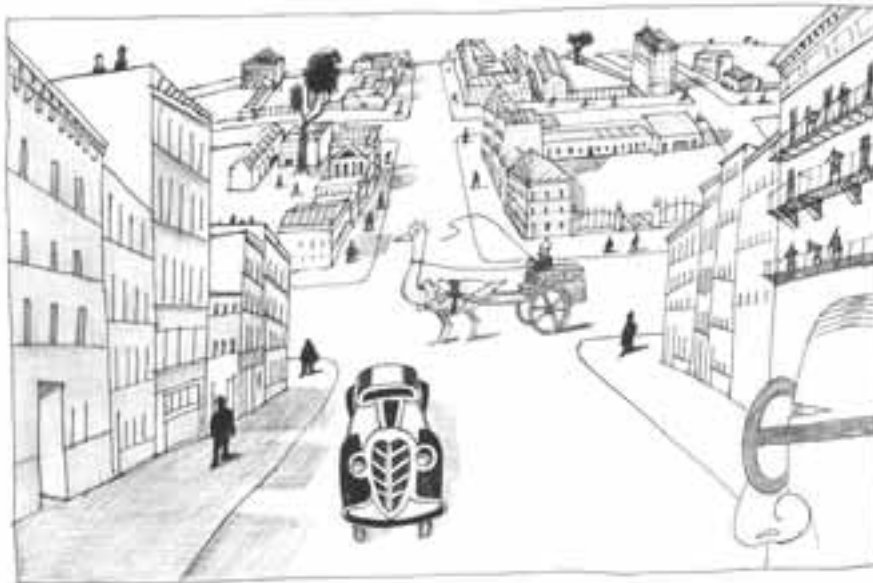
"My wife is all in the eye of the beholder."



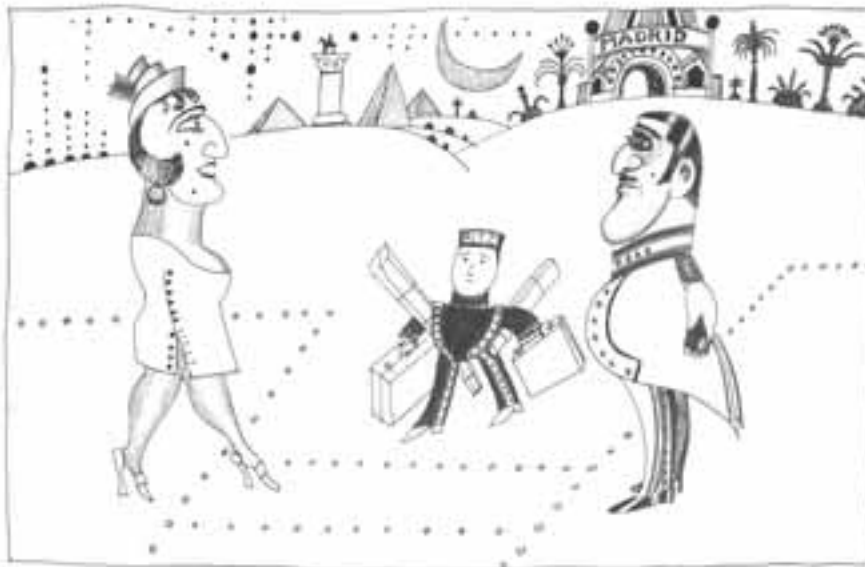


"This is an excellent story, Doris, so far."

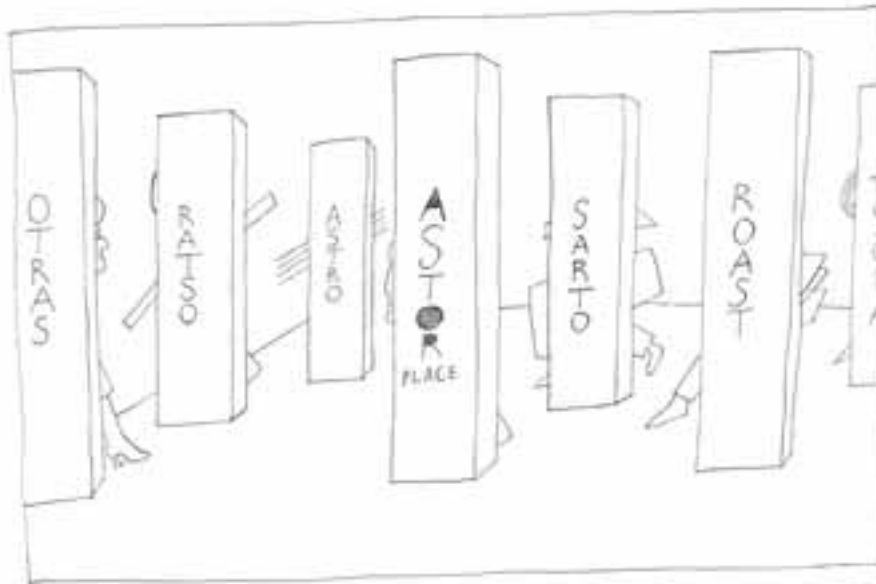
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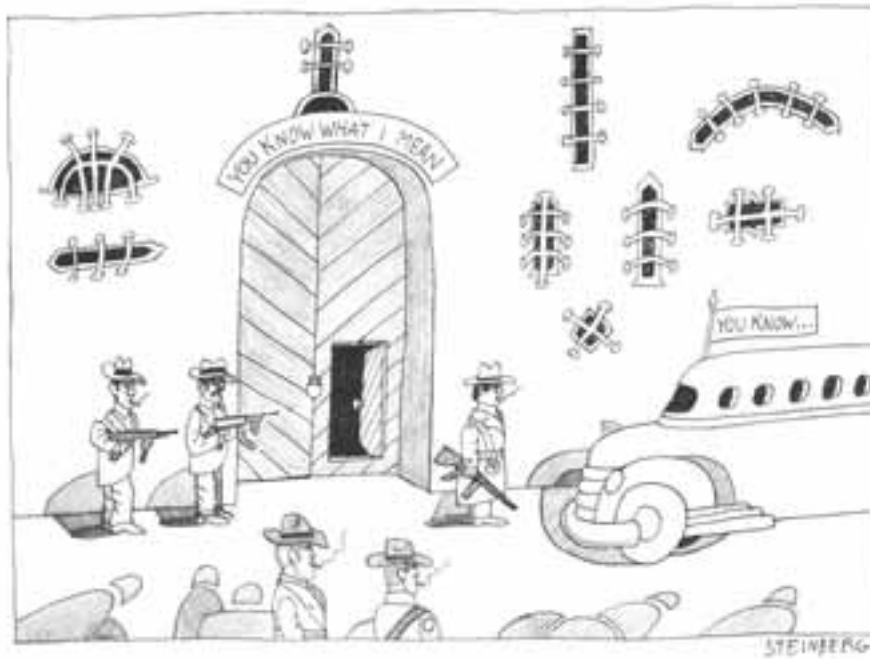
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“One more thing, Miss Kellogg. In line with our more aggressive marketing stance, I’d like you to start calling me Lefty.”



*“They’re offering a deal—you pay court costs and damages,
they drop charges of breaking and entering.”*

4 COMMON LAMP SHADE MISTAKES AND HOW TO AVOID THEM



R. Chast



“‘Sack Rome!’ That’s your answer to everything!”

THE FOOD CRITIC ORDERS DINNER



"I'll have the inevitable quiche Lorraine with an elegantly airy custard filling but a disappointingly soggy pastry, the rather bland and textureless gazpacho, and the slightly-dry-from-overcooking calves' liver lightly garnished with tasteless, oily onions."





“Face it, Harry. You were just wild about me, but I was never wild about you.”





“Yes, the vertical stripes do make you look slimmer.”



“When did you first notice you were larger than life?”



"I'd like you to be my wife, but first my woman."



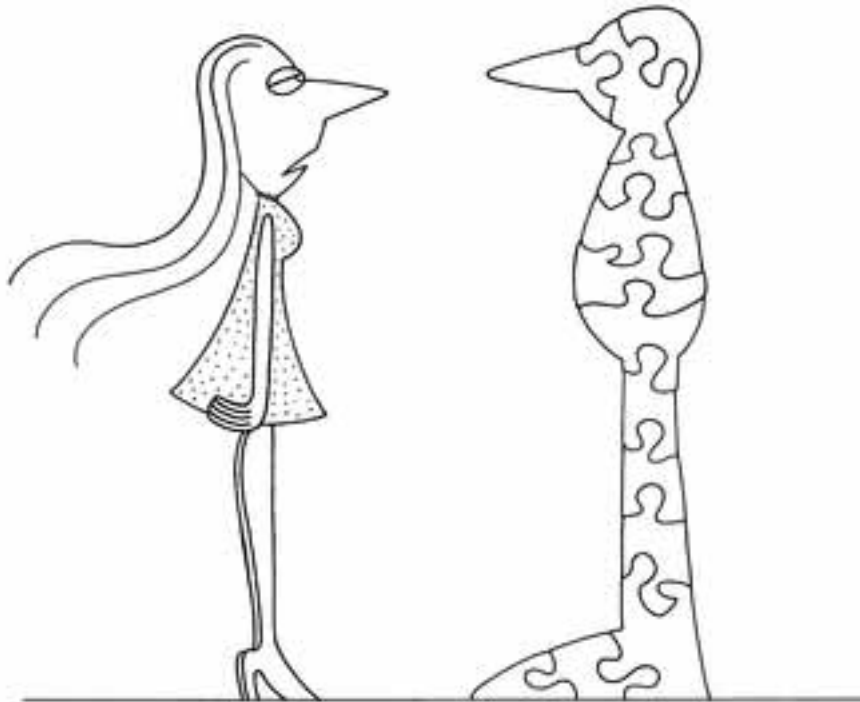


*"No, I don't think your decisions are too Draconian.
Do you think my decisions are too Draconian?"*



*"I've never gotten the hang of hunting. Luckily,
we're invited out a lot."*





Charles Barsotti

*"I'm sorry, Edgar, but now that I've taken you apart
and put you back together you no longer interest me."*



“Aw, come on, guys! We’ve marketed worse candidates!”



“Let’s buzz Earth. I have a sudden urge for an Egg McMuffin.”



"Oh-oh."





"I don't mean to keep popping in on you, sir, but I just naturally gravitate toward power."



“‘Witchcraft Weekly’! You’ve got to be kidding.”





“Love you, love us, and I’m comfortable with our debt level.”





"He's perfect!"



"So that's a soap opera! Good heavens!"

IT'S THE HIGHWAY FOR PEOPLE WHO *HATE TO DRIVE*



"All these trucks
carrering toward
you at 40 mph -
it makes me sick!"



"What if you
get lost?"



"What if the
steering wheel
comes off in
your hands?"



"I hate it -
I just hate the
whole idea of it!"

INTRODUCING THE

POKY LITTLE PARKWAY



• 5 lanes in either direction: SLOW, REALLY SLOW,
INCREDIBLY SLOW, CRAWL, and STANDSTILL

• Maximum speed - 25 mph

• Each lane is 40 ft. wide and separated from the one next
to it by a 3 ft. wide "mistake aisle"

• Drivers are alerted to each exit WELL IN ADVANCE

• No trucks

• No passing



So buckle up, calm down, and *HEAD FOR THE OPEN ROAD!*

a. chat



CHENEY



*"This place isn't bad during the week, but on weekends
it turns into a zoo."*



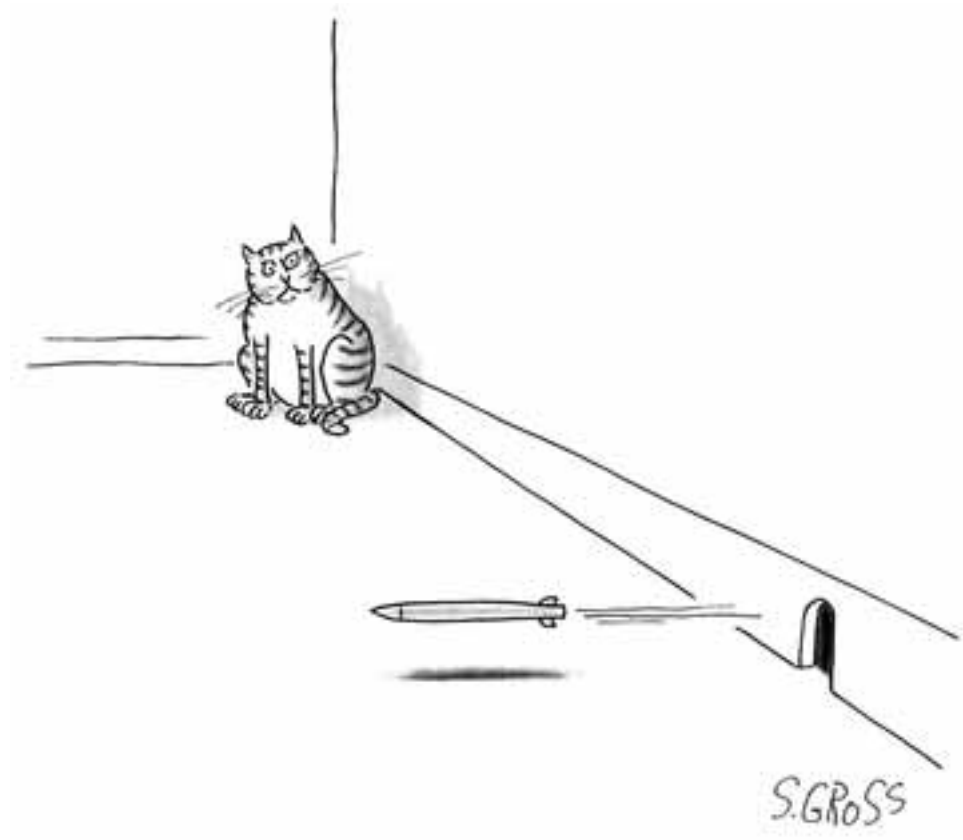
"Herbert, I've decided to seek your ouster."

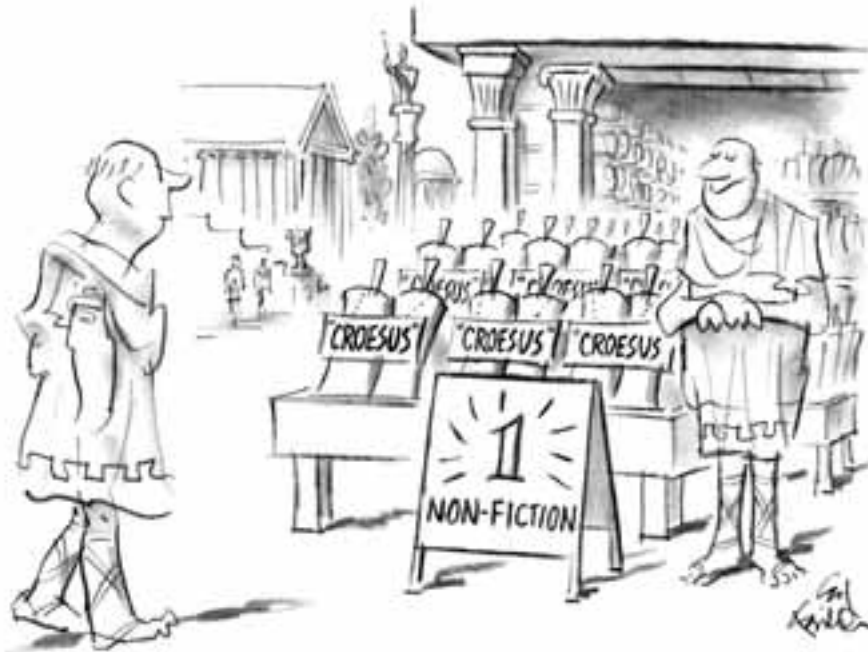


"Thank God! We've just about exhausted our old videotapes!"



"If I may indulge in a bit of hyperbole, Jensen, this report of yours is good."



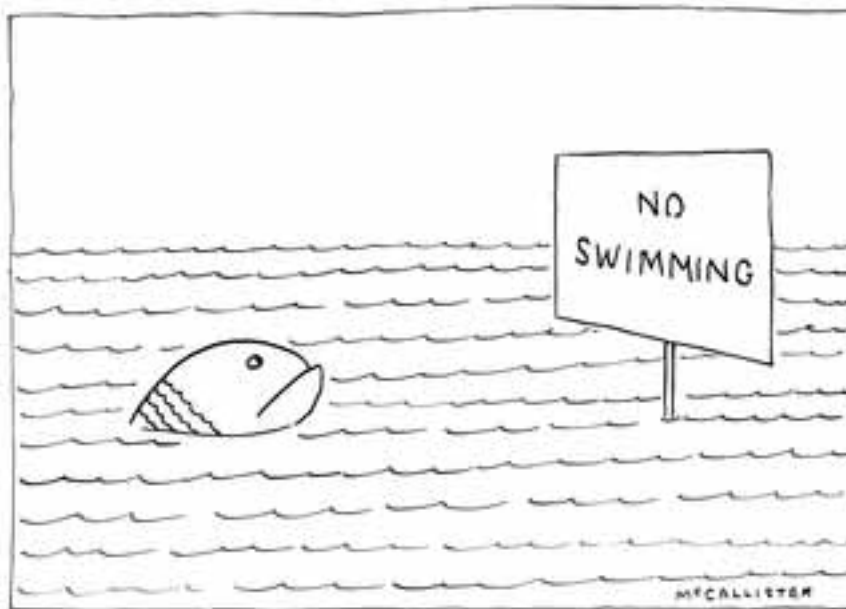




"I predict fear will replace greed in '88."



"He was grateful that he lived to see Bork unshackled."

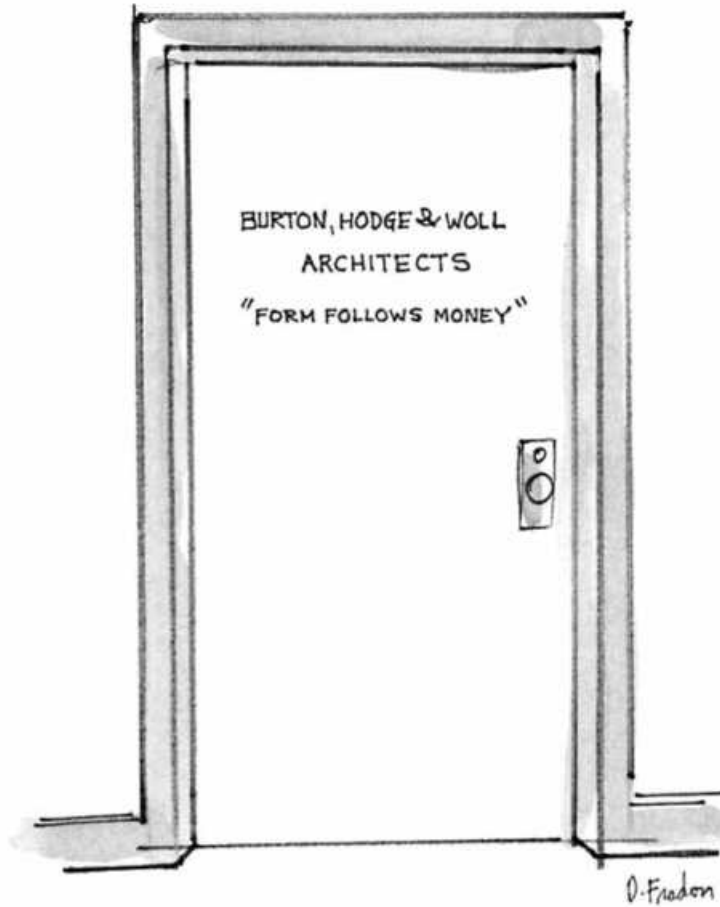




"Shall we talk ninja to ninja?"



"Permission to exchange phone numbers with the witness, Your Honor?"





"I didn't send you a valentine."



"Would it disturb you if I sang?"







"I like it—it's wonderfully editable."



*"I see by your copy of 'Newsweek' that Lyndon Johnson
has decided not to run for reelection."*



"That's the report. Now, would anyone like to carp?"



The No-Cholesterol Dinner





"That's him. The one I told you about. The one I'm married to."

THE PHANTOM OF THE GARDEN

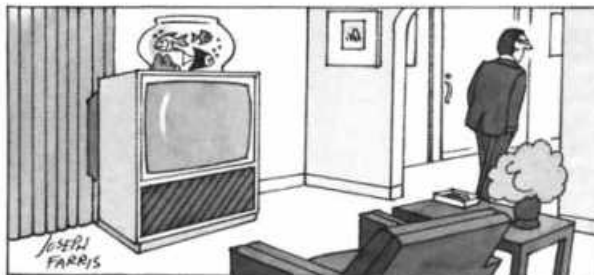
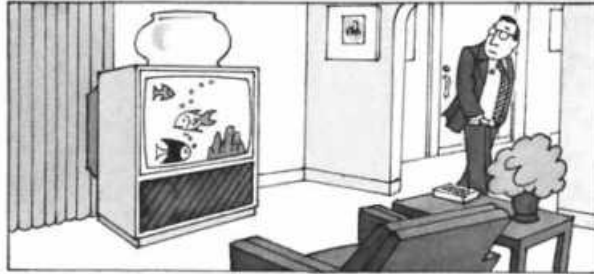


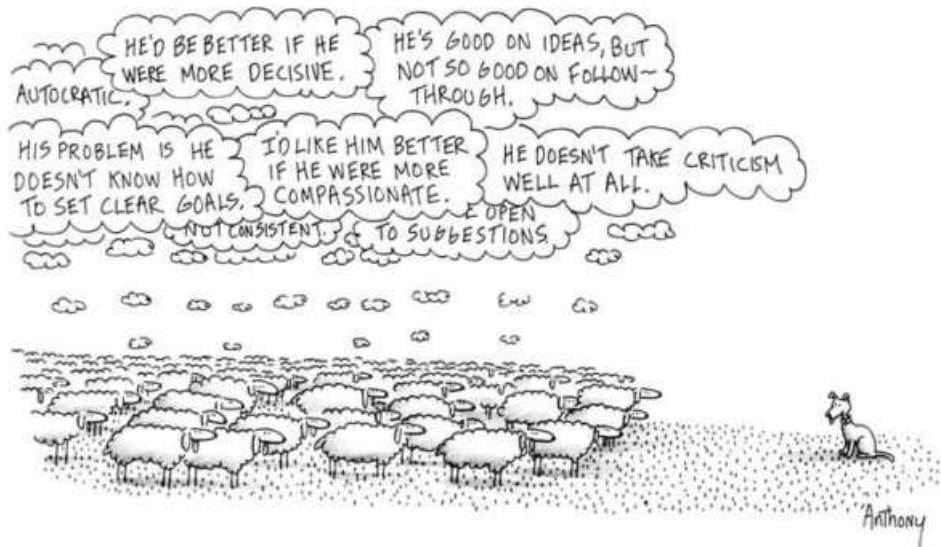
C Barsotti





"Call me when you've stopped growing."







WHAT TO WEAR ON THE INTERSTATE THE SPRING COLLECTION

CALVIN KLEIN



CHECKED LINEN STATION
WAGON AND BLACK TIRES
FOR DAY

EMANUEL UNGARO



DOTTED MINI-CONVERTIBLE
WITH SILK-PRINT ROOF
FOR EVENING

CHRISTIAN LACROIX



FLOWER-PRINTED PINK WAGONEER
WITH DETACHABLE SATIN BOWS

KARL LAGERFELD



SHORT SUÈDE PICKUP TRUCK
EMBROIDERED WITH LACQUERED
POLAROID SNAPSHOTS

CAROLYN ROEHM



SHORT GLITTER SUBCOMPACT
BANDED WITH BLACK VELVET

ARNOLD SCAASI



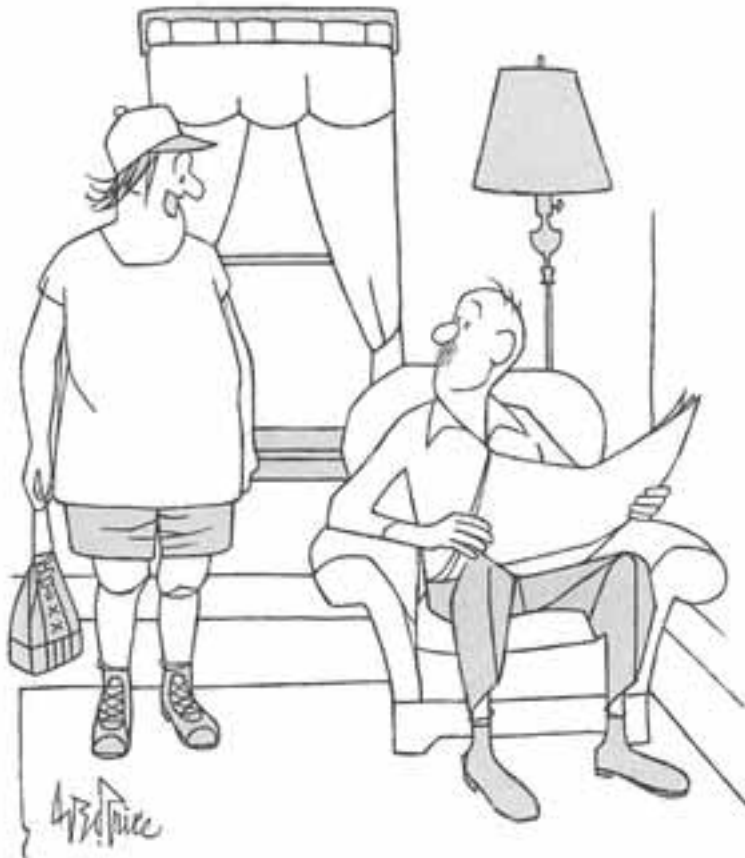
TAFFETA HATCHBACK
WITH THREE PUFFED BANDS

BILL BLASS



BEADED PATTERNS INSPIRED BY MATISSE
ON MINI-VAN WITH TINTED WINDOWS

(crawford)



"I'll be on the main drag, turning a few heads."



"Is it just me, or has it suddenly gotten awfully quiet around here?"





"I had the same idea, Mom, but our legal staff said it would only lead to time in the federal penitentiary."



"I never get sick."



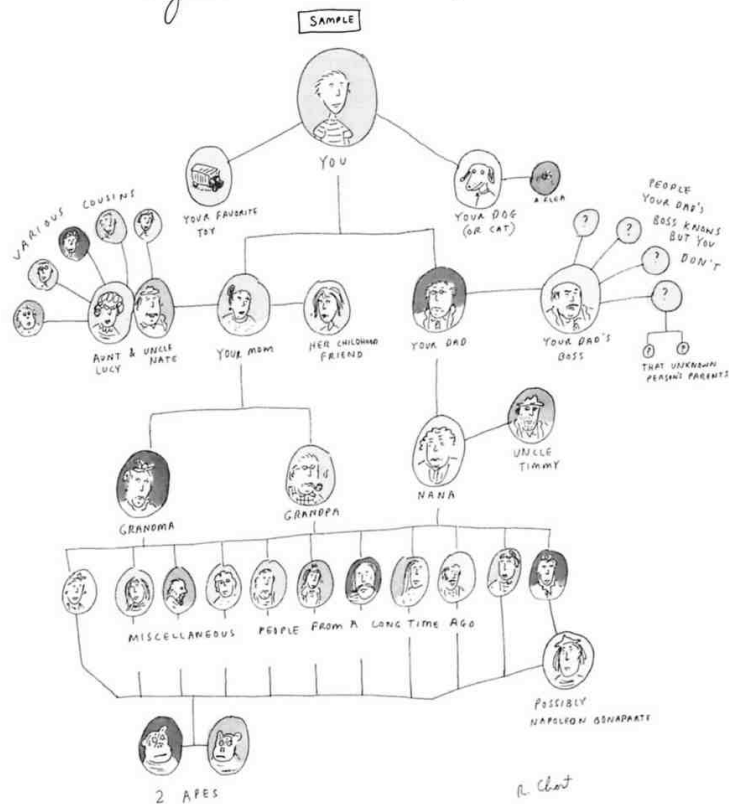
"If you had an account here, it would be a different story."





“Harvey, talk to me. How are the Knicks making out?”

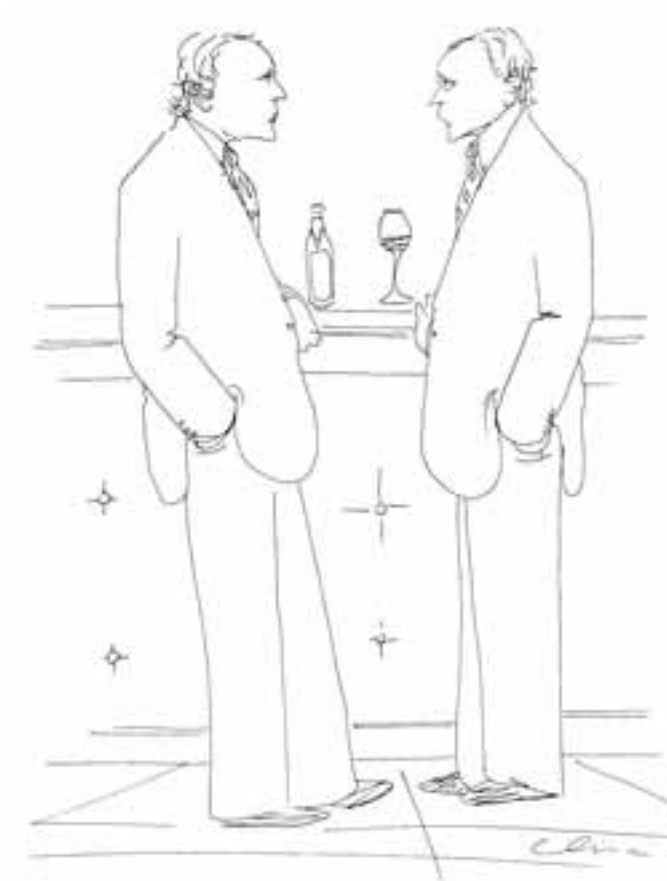
SEND US \$2.00, AND WE'LL SEND YOU
Your Family Tree



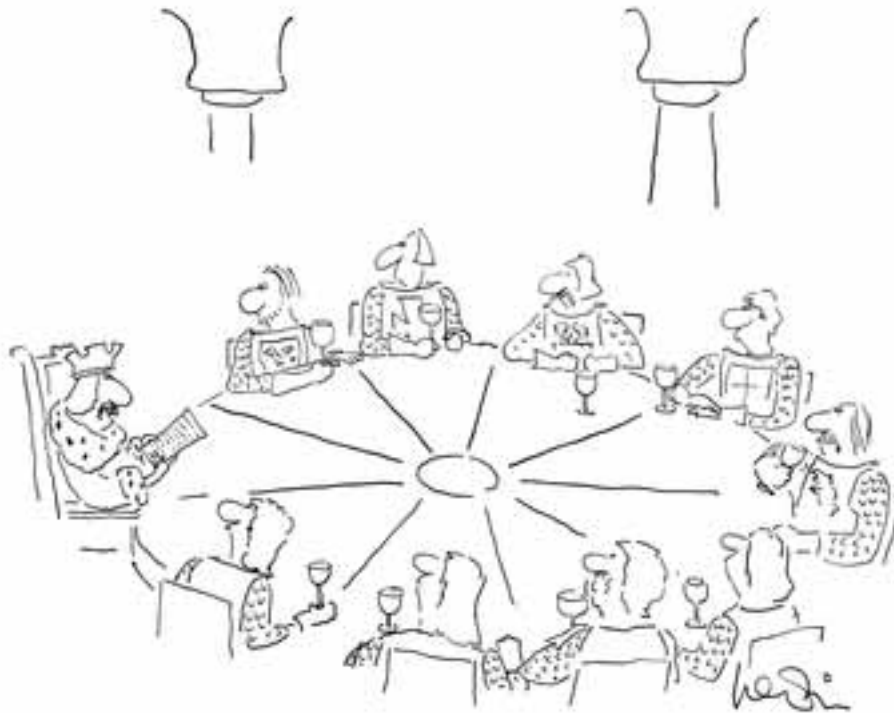




"I'd like you to meet Nan and Leo, but I think you already know Nan from back when it was Nan and Ralph."



"I've amounted to a hill of beans."



"Let's make the bill easy and just split it."



Floyd Benton Wakes Up to Five Inches of Snow



"We've lost our lease. Everything must go!"



*"If I may, Mr. Perlmutter, I'd like to answer your question
with a question."*





“Goodbye, Mr. Loeffler. And if you decide to write about this, both the ‘Star’ and the ‘National Enquirer’ are good possibilities.”





"Forget it, Carl."







*"Hi, Dad. Investment banking wasn't
that great after all."*



"It's a superbly tailored garment, Senator. Tossed casually over one's shoulder, a sure vote-getter."





"Just one more, darling."





“Sorry, Akhet, but we’ve decided to stick with pyramids.”



"Now, in addition to our regular programming, let me tell you about tonight's specials."



“That’s it . . . looking good . . . and . . . after this . . . we’re . . . going to . . . be working . . . on those . . . wing muscles.”



"With the pork I'd recommend an Alsatian white or a Coke."





*"I'm your wife, Arthur. You talk to me.
You don't touch base with me."*





"I'm learning to let go and have fun."



"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, say hi to my client."



*"Take my hams, I want to lose them.
Take my slaws, I'll never use them."*



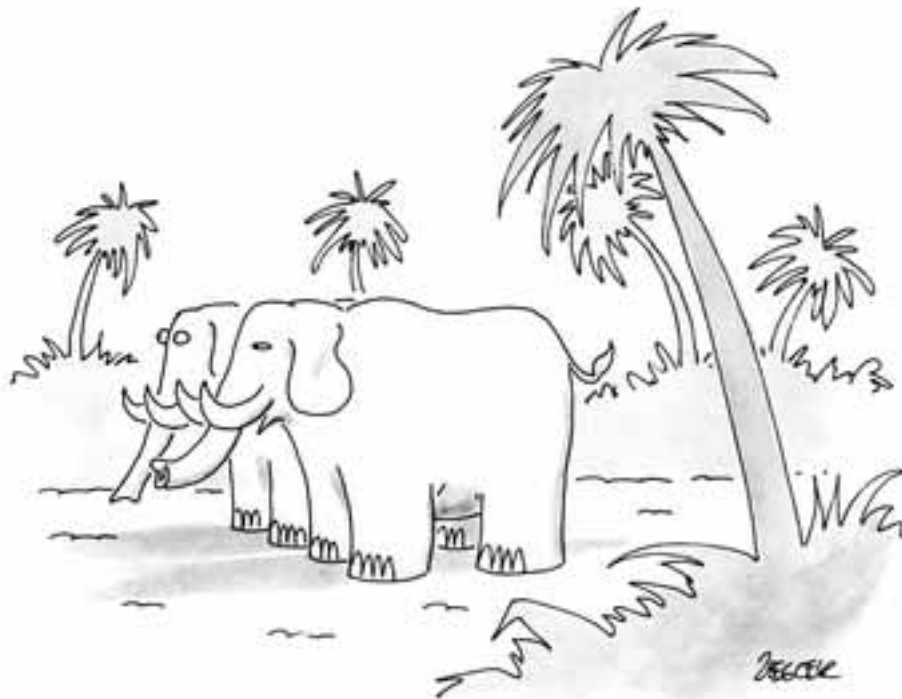
“Forget it—we’ll never get Meese.”



"You don't look like a Dave."



Poet and Peasant



“Wow! Dig the umbrella stands on her!”



"When did you two start exchanging high fives?"



The American People Finally Speak Up



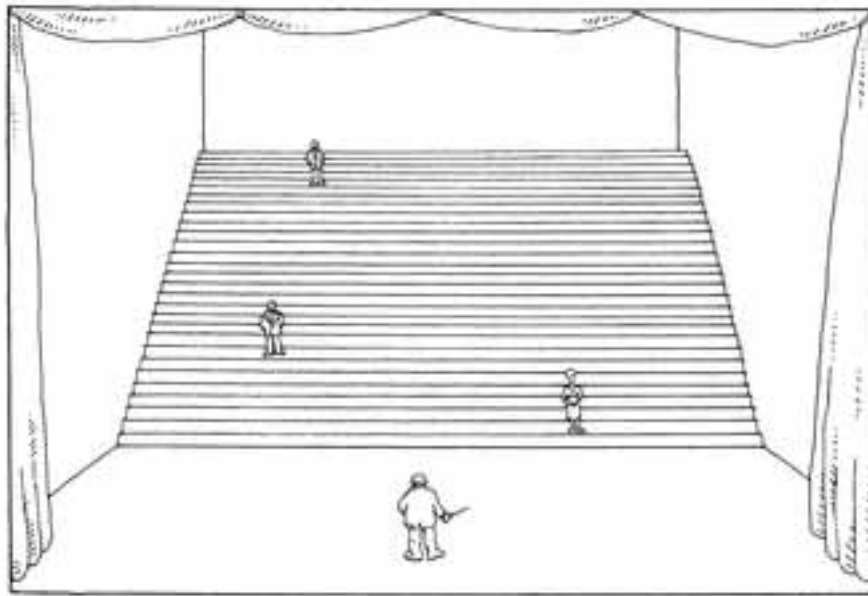
"To play it safe, I still take one aspirin every other day."



“We should be getting started momentarily. The Presidential hopefuls have just arrived on the stage.”



New Neighbors



THE MORMON TABERNACLE TRIO





"Books—wow. I love books."



*“I want to apologize for some of the remarks
I made during the heat of battle.”*



"Now for the high point of the evening—a videotape of my elevation to regional director of marketing."

THE ARRIVAL OF AUNT MATHILDA:
Visit or Visitation?







"How was the market, dear?"

"Just mildly erotic."



“Gentlemen, the Stone Age was a wonderful period, but, moving forward, I give you dripless paint.”



*“Sorry, Conklin, I’m on my way from the cradle to the grave,
and I don’t have time to exchange civilities.”*

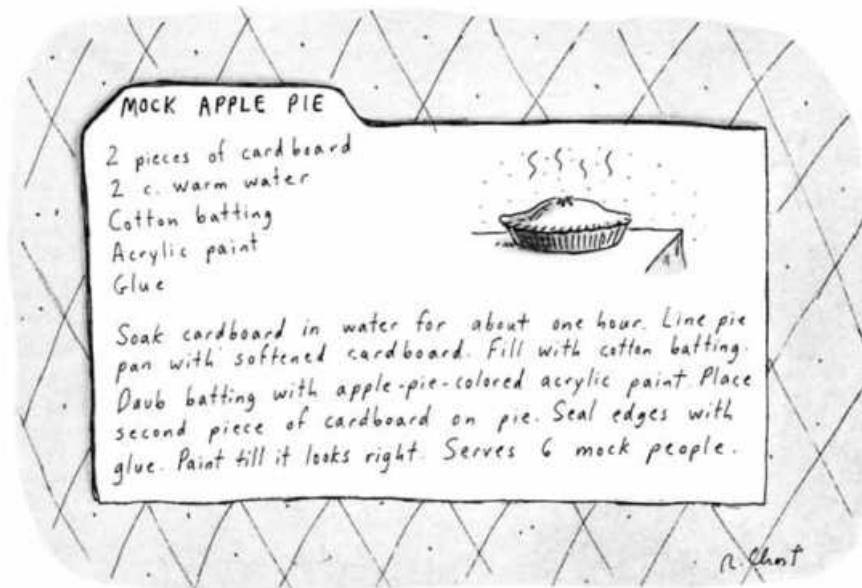




"How much do you tip a masseuse?"



"She's the strong, silent type."



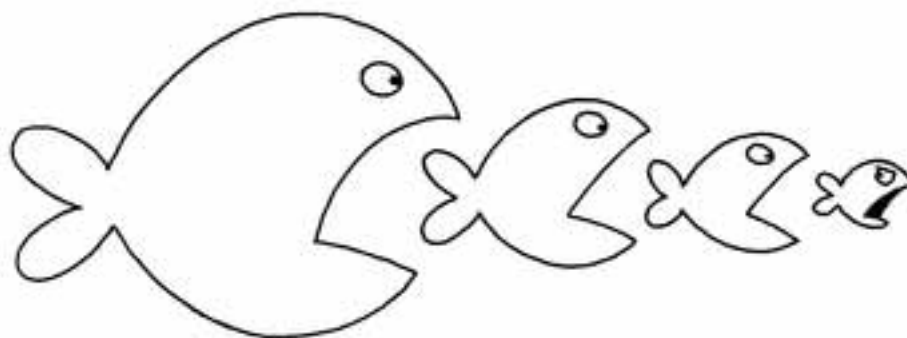


"I can't pinpoint it exactly, but sometime during our twenty-third year of marriage Wesley began taking notes."



"I think you're looking for 3-D."





Charles Barsotti

"Damn it, the eighties are over!"

PERSONALIZED TAX-RETURN MAILERS



Here are the forms.
Here is your money.
It makes me feel swell
To know you care, honey.



If you need more, just ask.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TEL. NO. _____
WHERE ELSE YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH ME:



Don't spend it all in one place!

a. Chast



"Lift your stems."



"You're going to love this one. The man gets it right in the neck."



"I'm quite content. This was my prison of choice."







Wandering Minstrel



DECISIVE MOMENTS IN ART

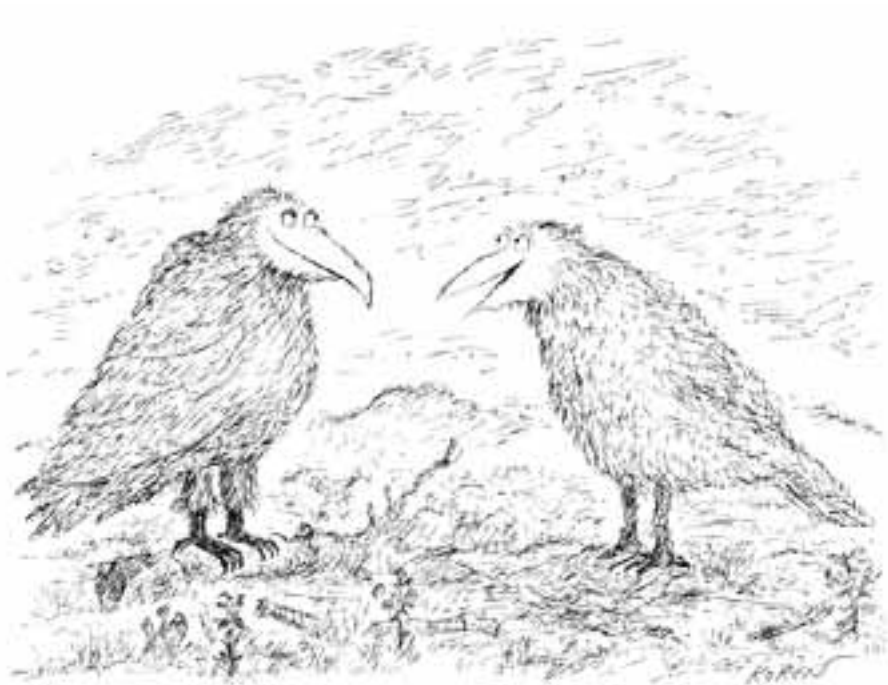
*Le Douanier Rousseau must choose the pose quickly.
These models charge by the hour.*



"While I do represent your disgruntled employees, Mr. Hollingwood, I am not a disgruntled employee myself."







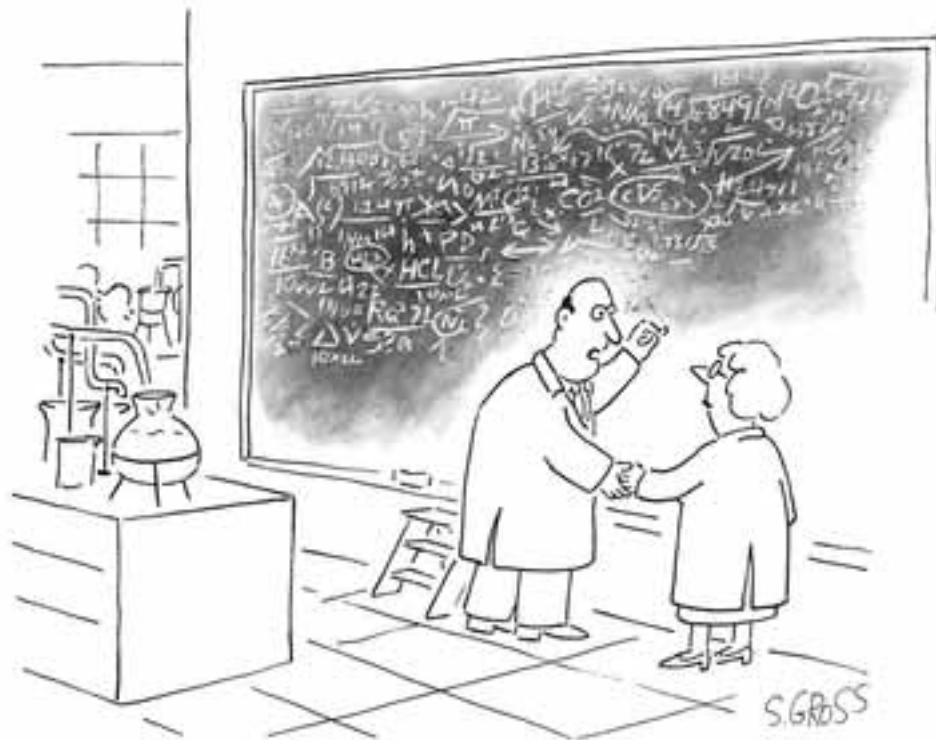
“Do you have lunch plans?”



THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF
BEING RICHARD GEPHARDT'S EYEBROWS



“Still snowing upstate?”



"My wife doesn't understand me."





"And since when is loyalty a bad word?"



“Gaye, sing a song. My song.”



"Two gentlemen from Verona to see you, sir."



"My birthday's coming up. Do you know a good caterer?"





“Oh, really? My son-in-law is doing a little time there, too!”



Marco Polo Discovers Monosodium Glutamate

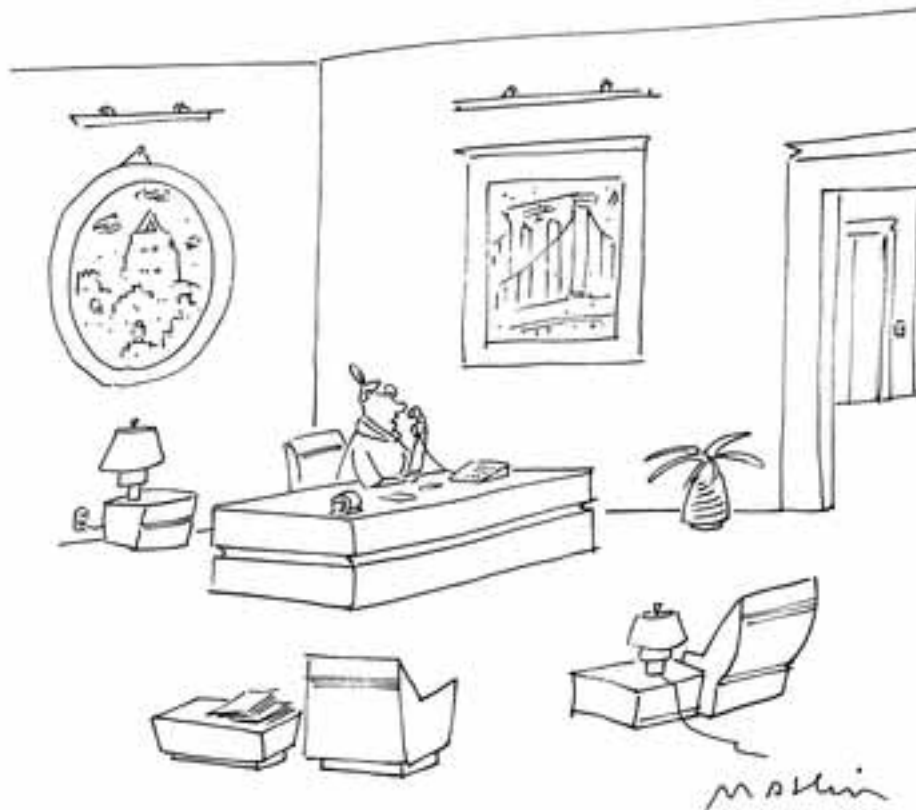




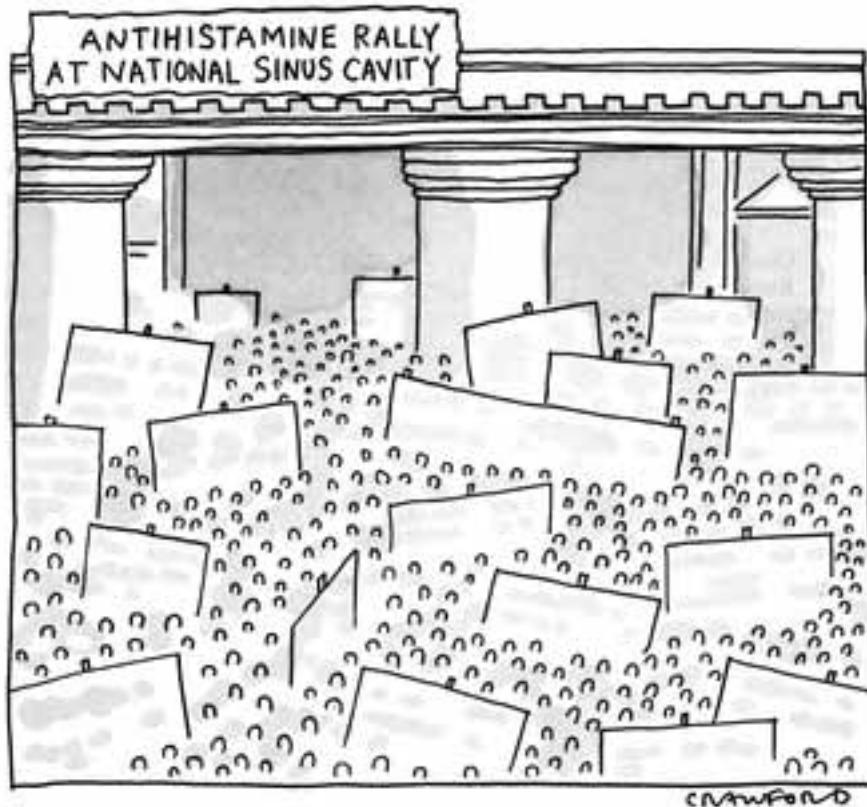
“Yes or no?”







"Mr. Kearn has stepped out of character for the afternoon. May I take a message?"





“You don’t understand, Mom. Our staying in and watching TV is not the same as you and Dad staying home and watching TV in Dayton, Ohio.”





“Crocuses! It’s spring!”

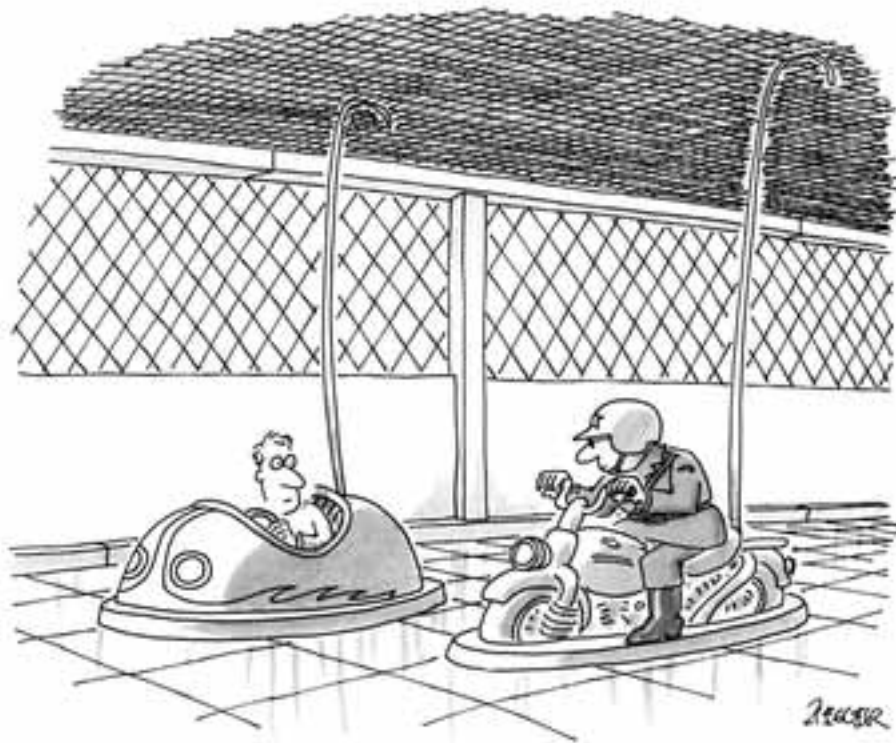


"I've got a little job for you, Kretchmer. I want you to infiltrate the I.R.S. and sow the seeds of compassion."





Wordsmiths





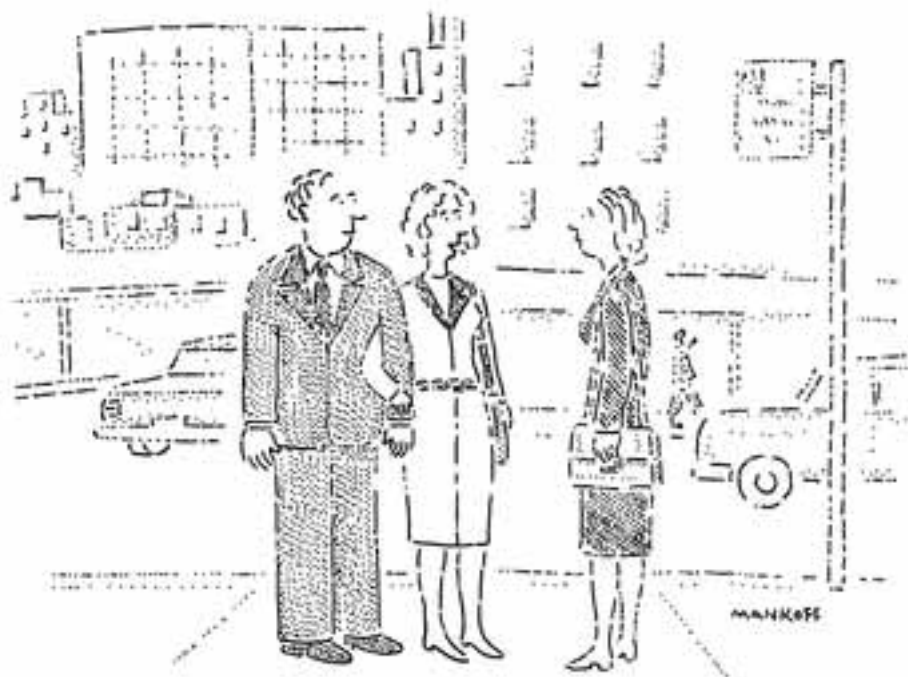
*“But do you think we can fit our
relationship into a studio?”*



*"Fenton, bring me my pipe, my bowl, and my
Nat King Cole records."*



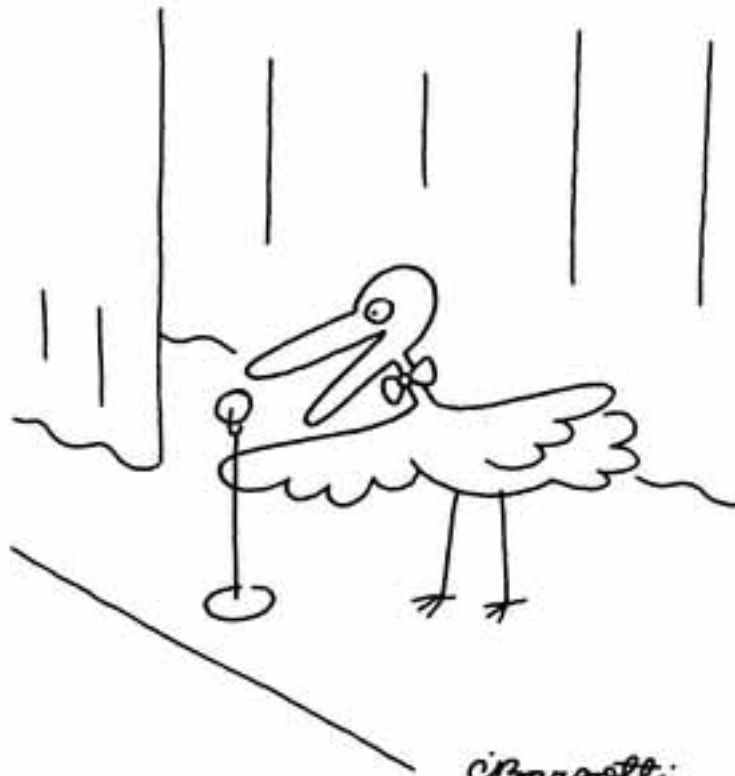
"We had her declawed, but she's still impossible."



"This is Dave, my friend plus."



"See anything?"



"She's come a long way, and I know you'll receive her act in the spirit in which it's intended. Yes, folks, it's Mimus Polyglottos, the Texas Mockingbird!"

RECIPES FROM THE "I REALLY, REALLY
HATE TO COOK" COOKBOOK

Lunchtime Surprise

6 old green olives
5/6 plum
3 1/2 slices yellow American cheese
8 oyster crackers
bite of cheesecake
1/3 c. rice pudding
10 Necco wafers
Serves 1.



Leftover Jamboree

Leftovers
Water

Do your best to find a clean pan. Heat food up with a little water. Serves 1.



12-Second Casserole

Throw a bunch of unspoiled stuff in a pot that won't blow up when you put it in the oven. Bake till hot. Serves 1.



Ma Bell's Special

Takeout menu
Telephone

Decide what you're in the mood for. Dial. Order. Wait for delivery. Serves 1.



R. Chast



The Anatomy Lesson (After Rembrandt)



"Today, in a surprise move, everyone in the media veered slightly to the right."

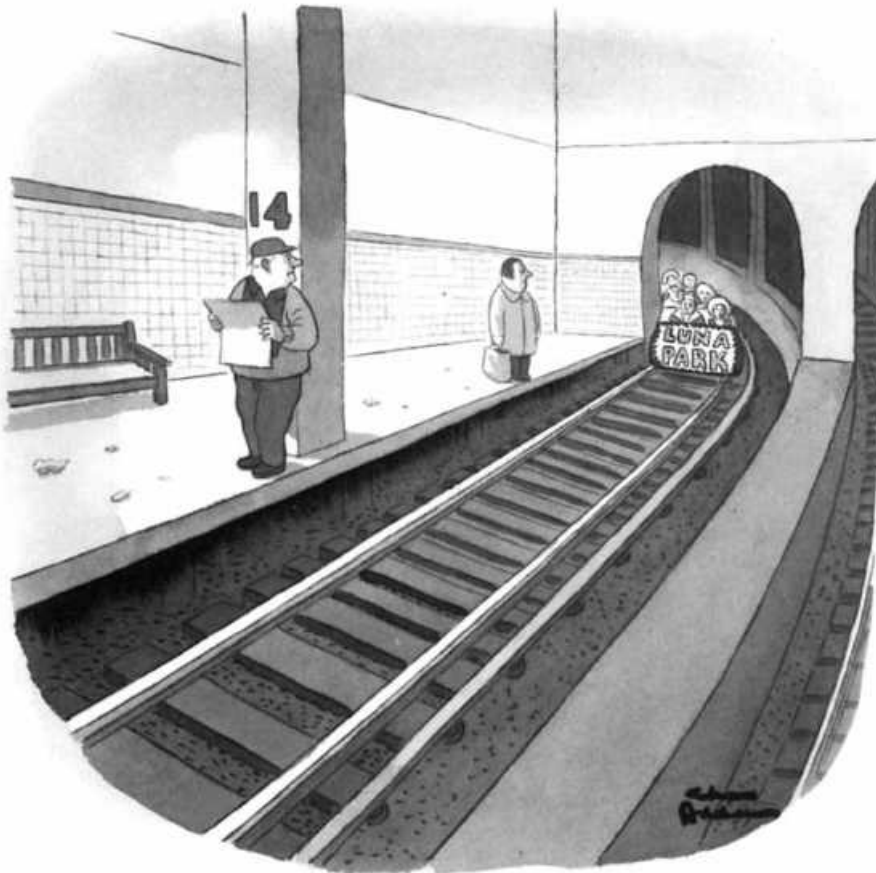


*"And forgive even those who prevented
us from selling our air rights."*





"To begin with, do you have all your receipts?"





"This one's kerosene, the other's Chardonnay."



"Your Honor, my client now realizes that his actions in the Unotek buyout and his transfers of funds to Swiss bank accounts were dreadfully immature."



"It's spring, sir. May I take your hat and coat?"





“What’s the tab on this bouillabaisse?”







“Now, which one of the Thousand Islands is this?”





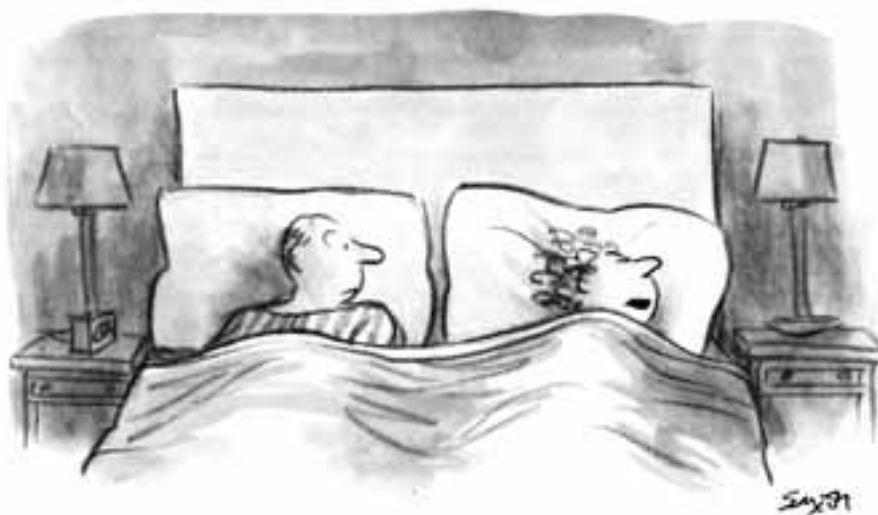
"Bill Cosby seems like one hell of a nice guy. He's really asking for it."



*“Twenty-seven West Sixty-eighth Street.
I like it. It says you’re here.”*



"I often feel woolly, but seldom do I feel very wild."



“Off with his head! Off with his head!”



JOHN PHILPOT CURRAN
TRANSLATED FOR THE EIGHTIES





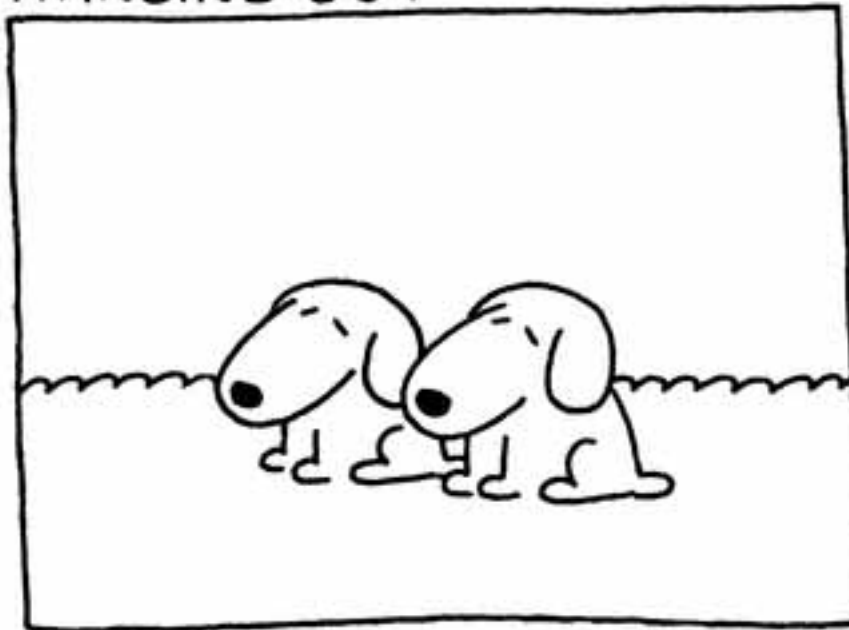


The Angel of Business



"Would you consider a cameo role?"

HANGING OUT



Charles Barsotti





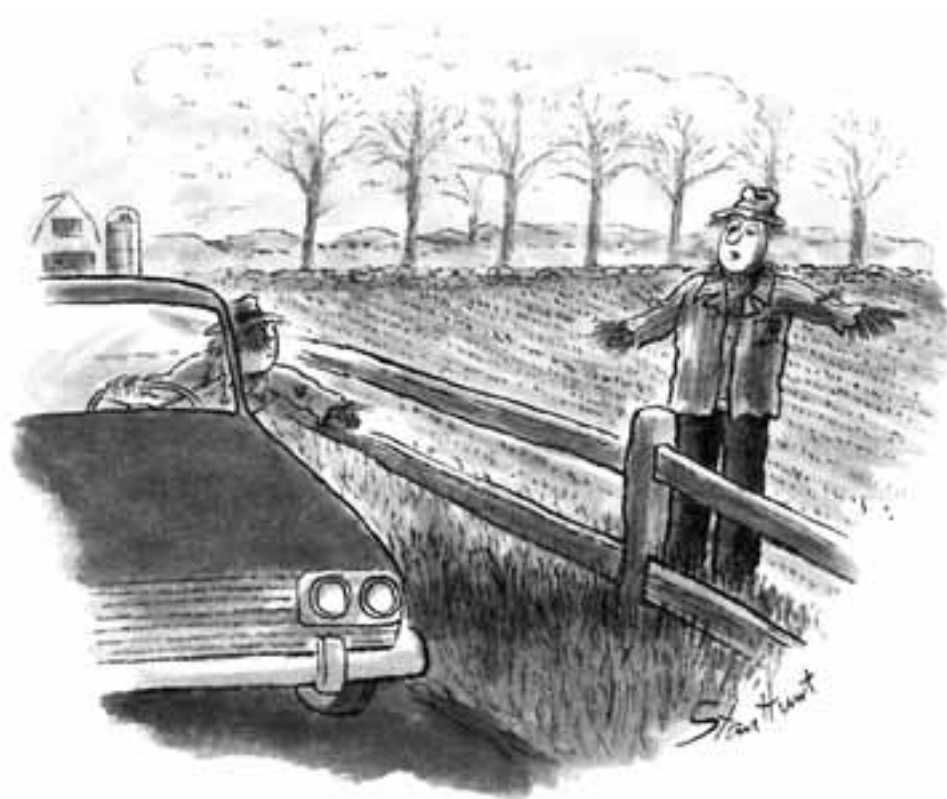


"Saints preserve us! The boulevardier got another jaywalking ticket."

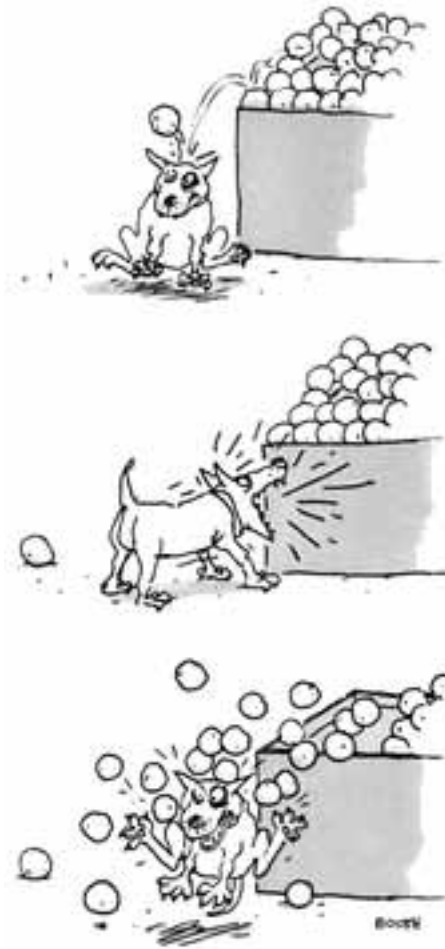


"What'll it be, handsome?"



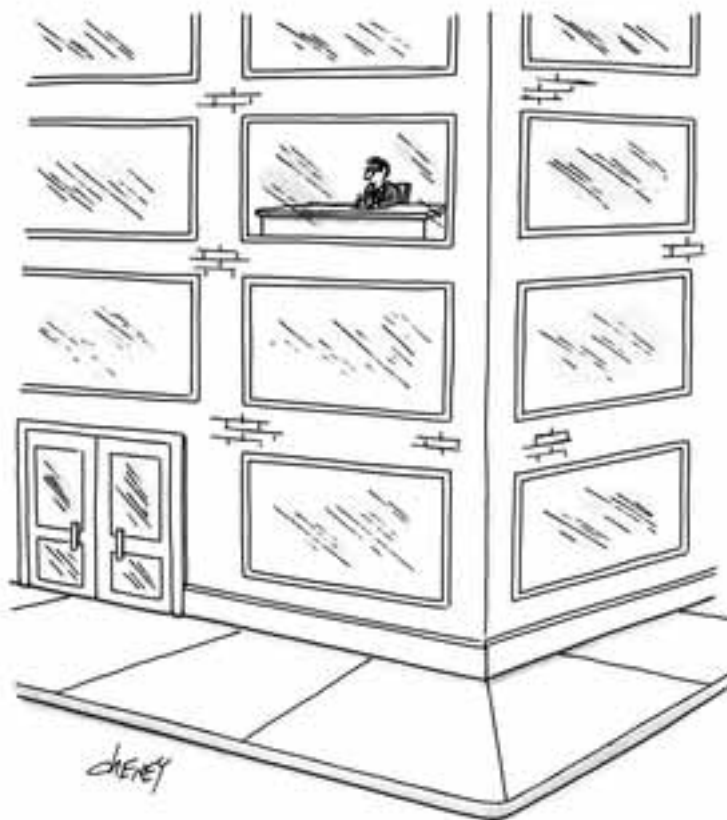


“One mile straight ahead. You can’t miss it.”

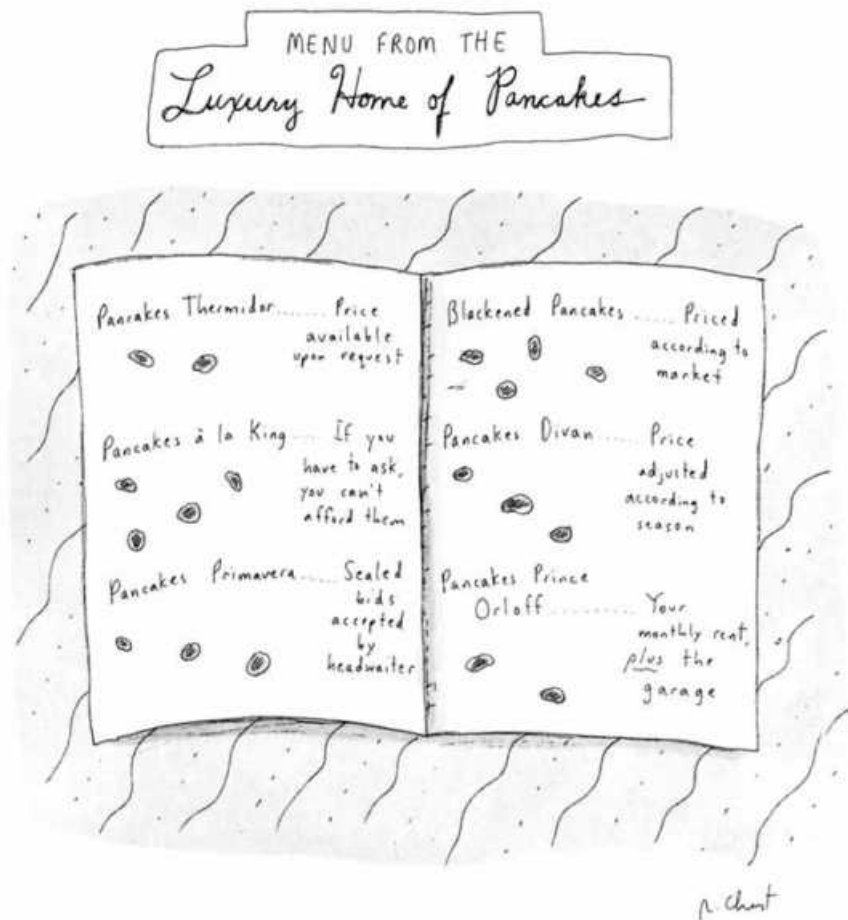




“If you had to give me high marks for something, what would it be?”



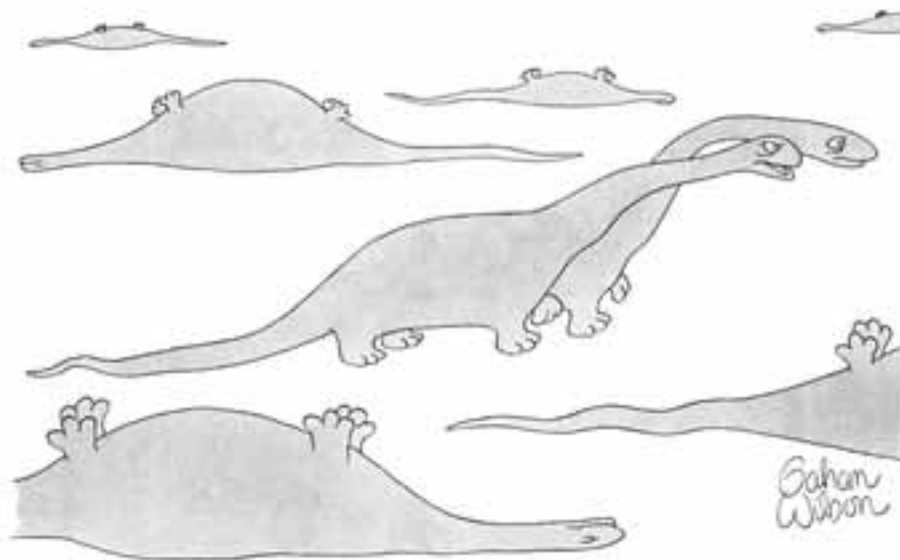
*“Dear Mom and Dad: Just a quick note to thank
you for the very nice building.”*







"How about Nebraska? The dollar's still strong in Nebraska."



“Frankly, I don’t like the way things are going.”



*"The Monday movie will be back after the messages
that follow the following messages."*





"My trigger finger is itchy."





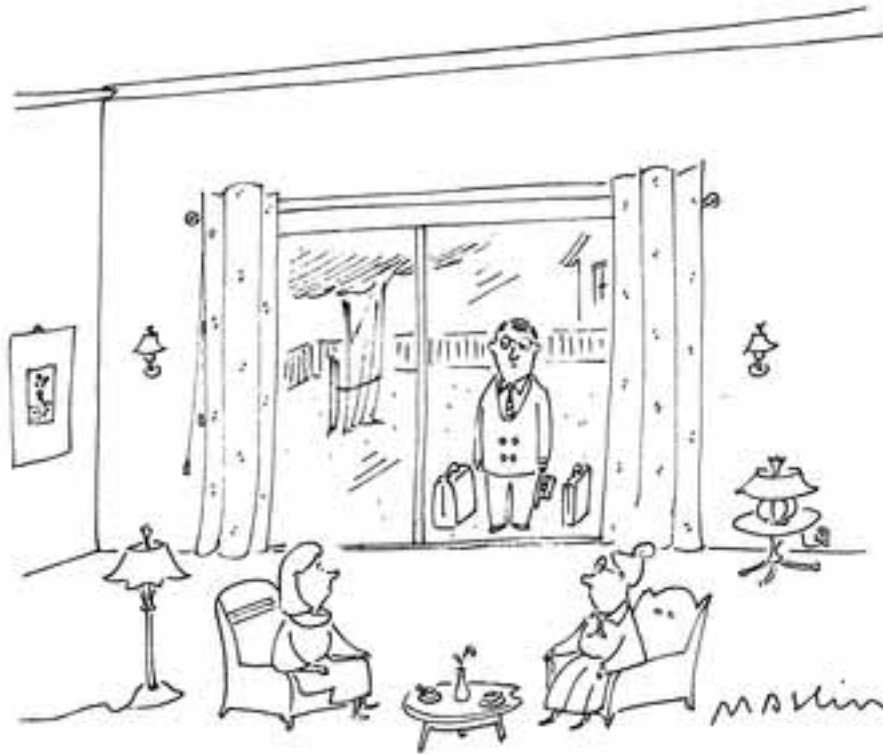
*Sissy Sheffield's Love Affair with Cinnamon Toast
(She's an Animal)*



"Somehow it doesn't seem the same since Rupert Murdoch's gone."

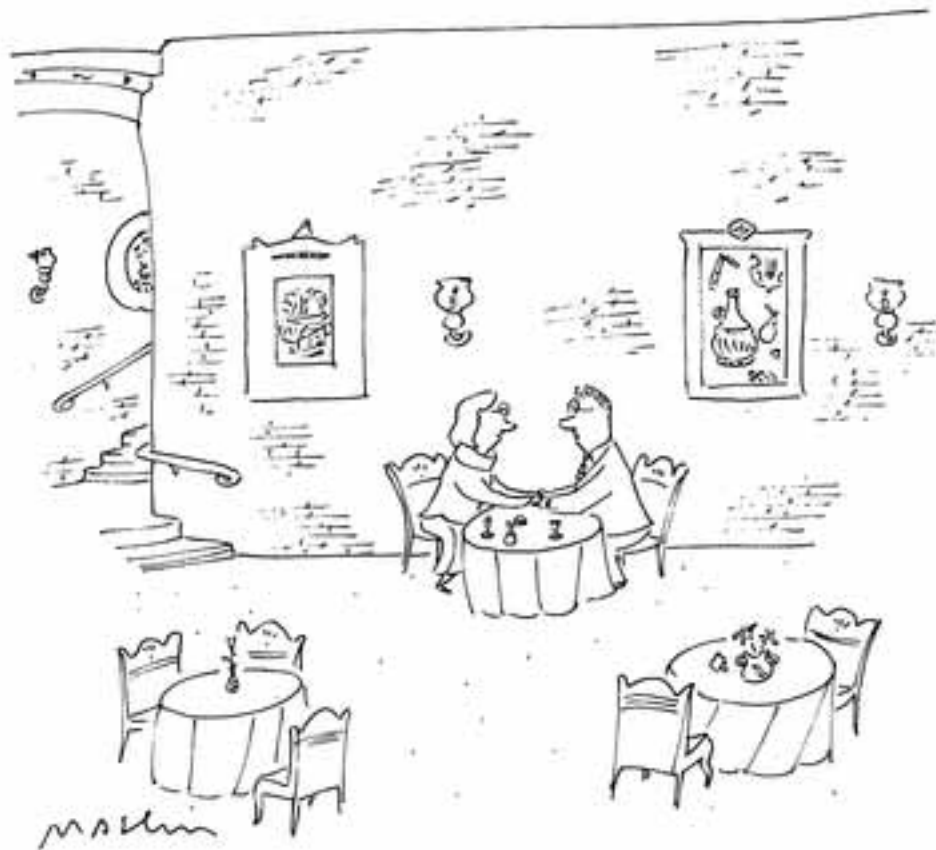


Planning the Attack



"I've taken him back, but I haven't taken him in."





*"And your problems will always be my problems,
Wendy—except when I'm really, really busy."*



*“The pad on the reinforced shoulder is meant to absorb
the recoil of the elephant gun.”*





"Lately I've been getting into compassion."



"Here's your problem."



"We're all nuts about the Pacific Rim."



"I told you I'd think about it."





"Let's do it, guys! Let's make some advertising!"



"Wallace, have you forgotten our prenuptial contract? No whistling!"



"My work is to stare into space."





Why the Automated Talking Teller Never Caught On

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL CENTRAL PARK COUNTRY FAIR



Up on Machinery Hill, you'll be able to inspect state-of-the-art food processors, pasta makers, and VCR equipment!



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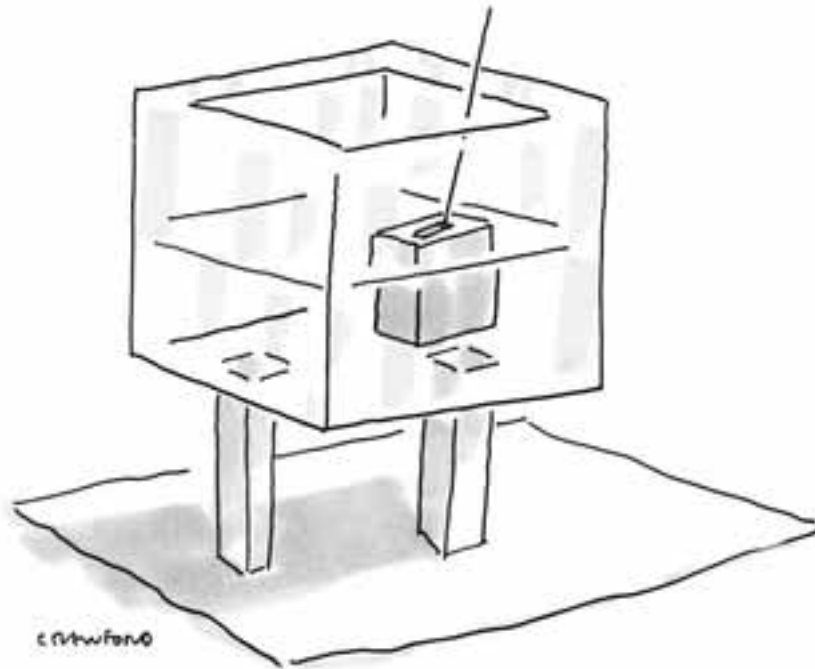
"Someday, all this will be infrastructure."



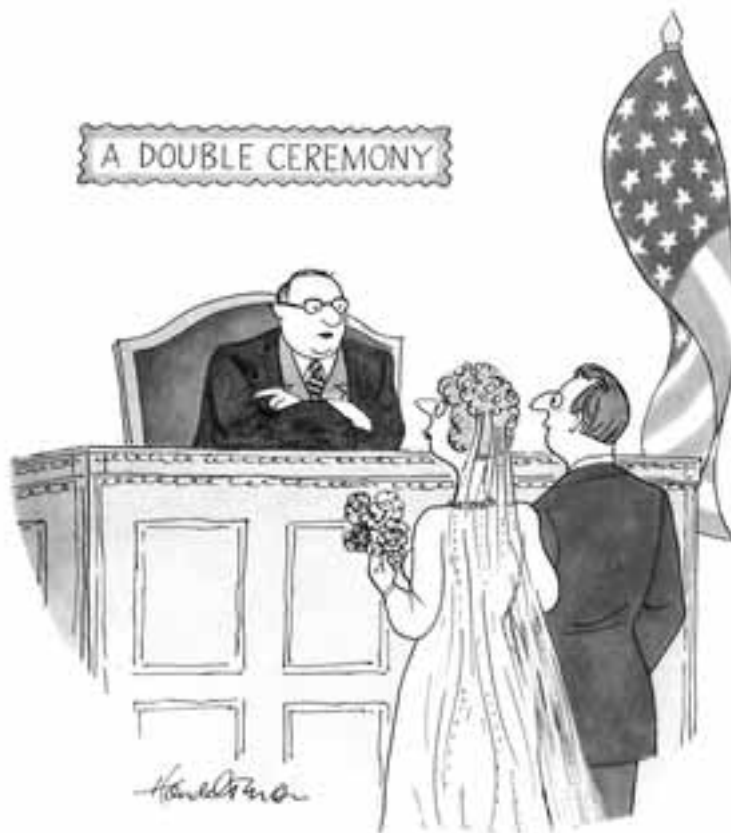


"The Businessman's Special today is flounder stuffed with cash."

FROM THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART'S
COLLECTION OF AMERICAN MIXOLOGY...



...THE MIES MARTINI



"I pronounce you guilty as charged and wife."





*"I believe jazz did come up the Mississippi, Ted, but
not quite as far as East Moline."*





"I have diplomatic immunity!"



"What have you got that's not about Roy Cohn?"



"We were thinking about the Himalayas this summer. On the other hand, there's something very special about Montauk."



*“Boy, am I out of breath. I had to run crying
‘Wee, wee, wee!’ all the way home.”*



“All in all, I liked the old Flatiron Building better.”



*“Extra sprinkles, please. Mr. Rutledge is
our chief executive officer.”*

WHAT CITIES COULD BUY IF EVERY SINGLE INHABITANT CONTRIBUTED JUST ONE MEASLY DOLLAR TOWARD AN APARTMENT IN GLAMOROUS NEW YORK CITY

CITY	POPULATION	WHAT COULD BUY
AKRON, OHIO	237,177	Charming 1 bdrm walkup, no light, no closets, low tax, East Side.
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	171,300	Lovely mini-left, above rubber-band factory, right in the heart of SoHo.
TOPEKA, KANSAS	115,266	Delightful studio, can be converted into 2 bdrms. West 150s.
MUNCIE, INDIANA	77,216	Studio, over 80 sq ft, Queens.
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO	39,598	Nothing



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“And here with us this evening, to skirt the issues, are Senator Tom Kirkland and Congressman Alan Sullivan.”



"What I'm trying to achieve for you is an eclectic mix of classic B.C. and a touch or two of A.D. glitz."



"Just a little off the top, if you don't mind."



"I say if you can't win don't play the game."

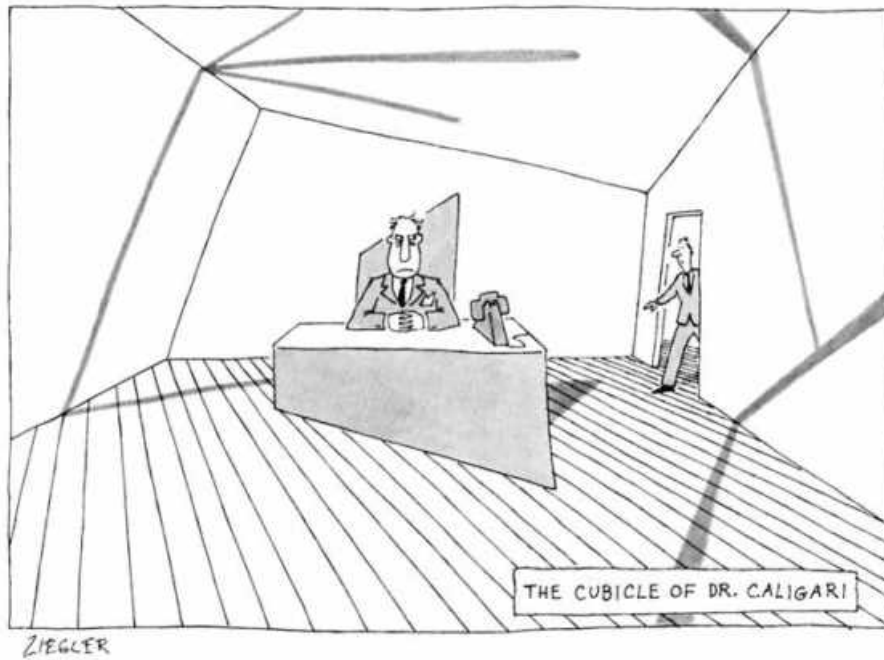


*"Charlotte's opinions do not necessarily reflect those
of her husband or children."*





*“Philadelphia, my Philadelphia—home of my
former wife and the cracked bell.”*







“Kiss me. I’m Claude Monet.”



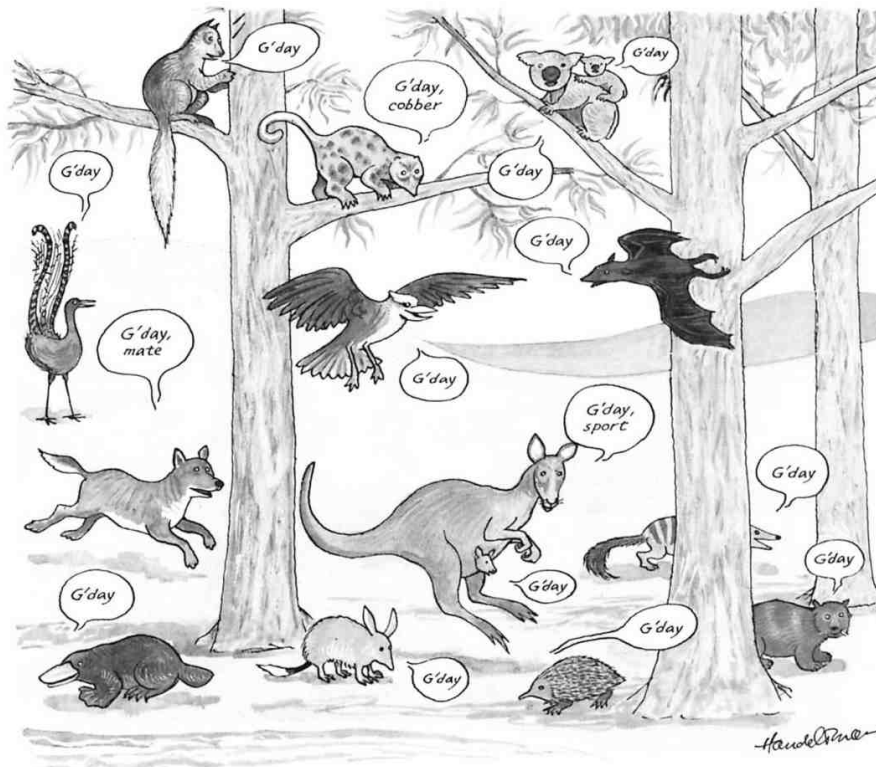




"I believe we finally have something for you to put in writing."

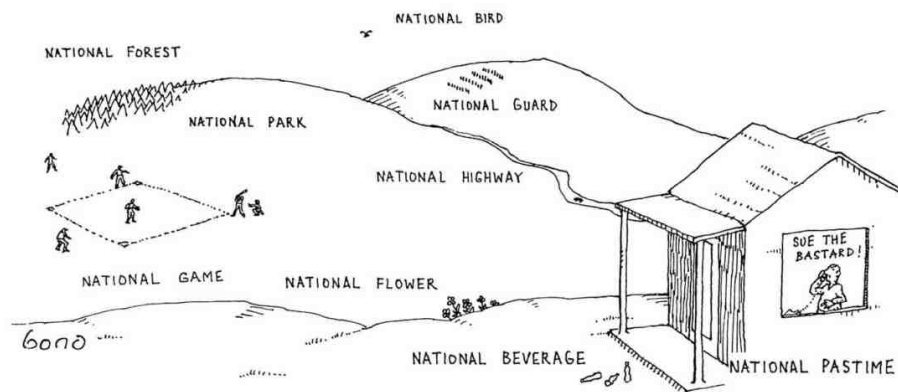


"I'm going out for a loaf of bread, dear—never to return."



The Friendly Antipodes

THE STATE OF THE NATION





"I'm back. The Brie's not ripe."



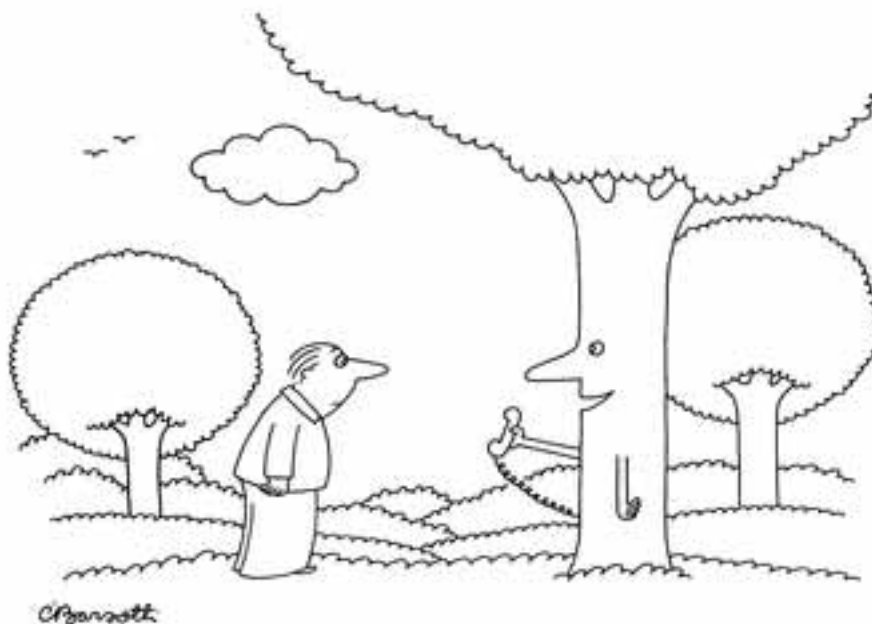
"His sermon last Sunday, 'The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth,' had them rolling in the aisles."



"We find the guilty defendant not guilty."



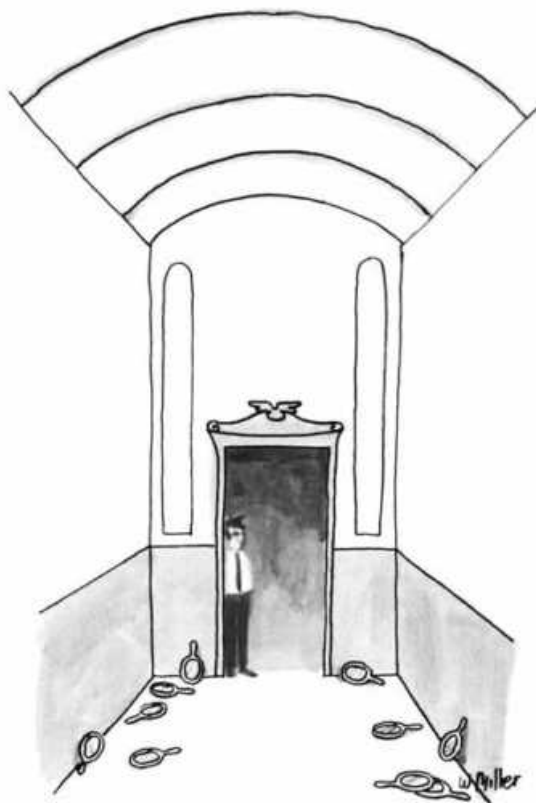
"The conversation has turned to parking."



*“Mr. Hoffman? Ed Hoffman? Your office has been trying
to reach you, sir.”*

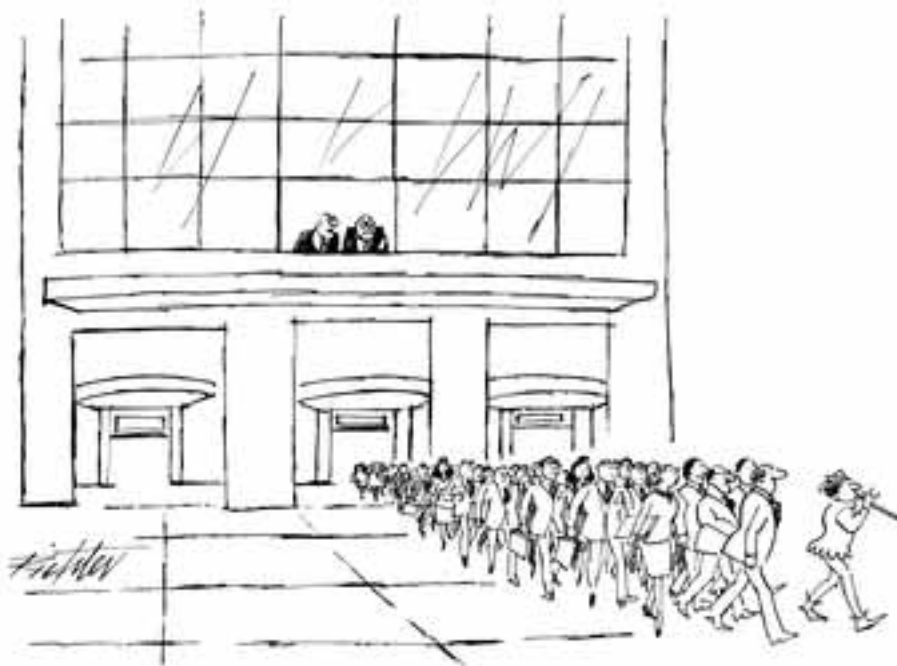


"It's nice of you to say so, Ben, but somehow the idea of 'Shakespeare in the Park' doesn't really appeal to me."



THE HALL OF MIRRORS
JERETSKI PALACE, PLOVDO





“My God! There goes middle management.”



"Surely two people as intelligent as we are can work out some method of falling in love."



"This is another little table Jack made out of an orange crate."



"Keep up the good work, whatever it is, whoever you are."



“My life is O.K., but it’s no jeans ad.”



“Do you folks ever get up North?”





“Edmund’s got rhythm, but he prefers keeping it to himself.”



*"You talk a lot about the need for more popcorn,
but I don't see you doing anything about it."*



Jack Ziegler (4/25/1988)

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*"I certainly admire the way you've refused to let success
undermine your femininity."*



ON THE PLUS SIDE







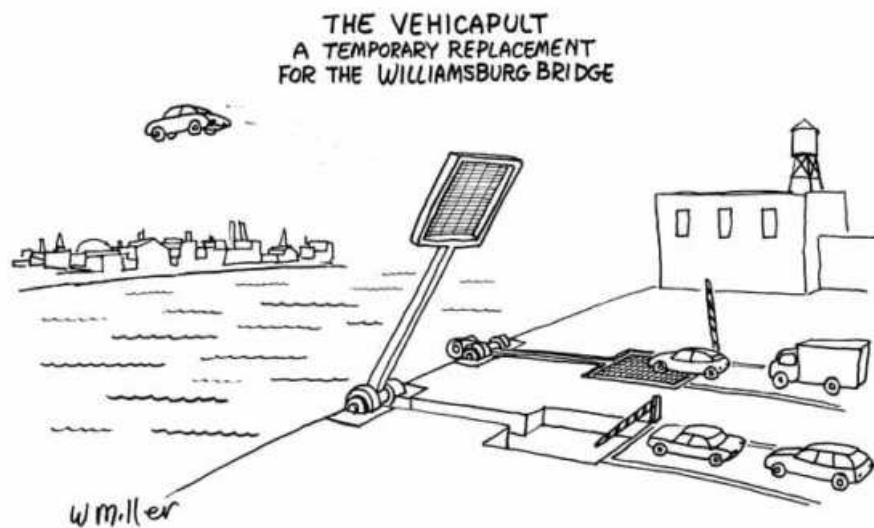
"There's none of that warmth and affection, but quite a few eggs."



"It's not your imagination. You are seeing Nixon everywhere."



"But this can't be goodbye, Marian. What about the restaurant we're going to open together?"





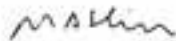
"Hear this. The new 'in' place is the Bronx."



The Nephew



“A man walked by carrying a large package and almost bumped into a guy with a briefcase. An M-7 bus just went by. It was fairly full. Traffic is moderately heavy. There are people using all four phones, with one woman waiting. This is Phil Michaels reporting, live for WTNY, all the news, just the news, all day long.”



“I don’t want you to go for a walk because I want you to go for a walk. I want you to go for a walk because you want to go for a walk.”



"I'll have the Chicken Roberto, on the advice of counsel."



"Hi. I had a nice day."



“Request an extended leave to regroup myself, sir. I’ve been feeling a bit soft on Communism lately.”



"A handshake is as good as a thirty-page contract, eh, Mr. Harrison?"

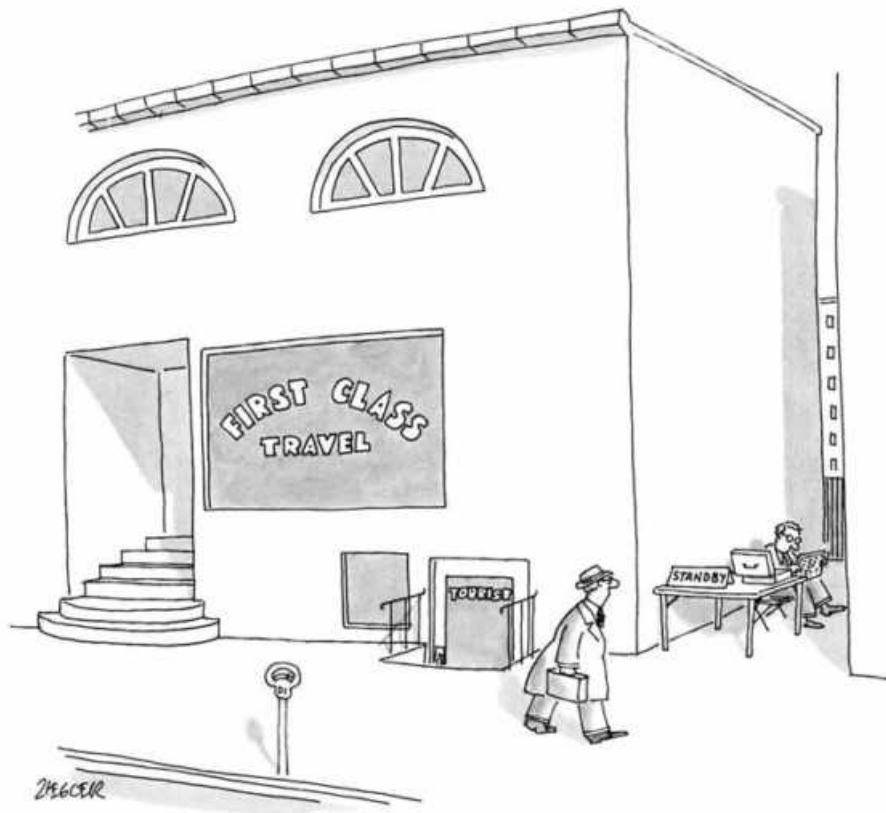


"Where to?"

"Broadway and Seventy-ninth!"



"Sweetheart, let's split this right down the middle."





"Mark is my partner in quality parenting."



"Back in your cage, young lady!"

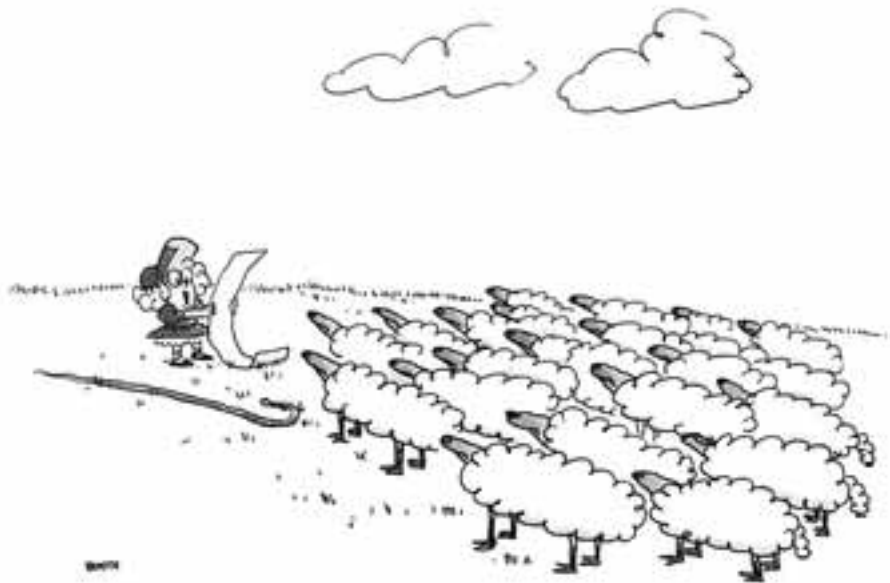


*"Have you any regrets, Captain Hale?
Our readers would like to know."*





*"Charlie, this is my old friend Will Griswold.
He's on a busman's holiday."*



“As I call each of your names, please answer by saying ‘Present’ ”

NOW ON YOUR GROCER'S SHELF







*"Dinner comes complete with coffee and your choice
of dessert or an oil painting."*



"Keep up the good work, Bromley."



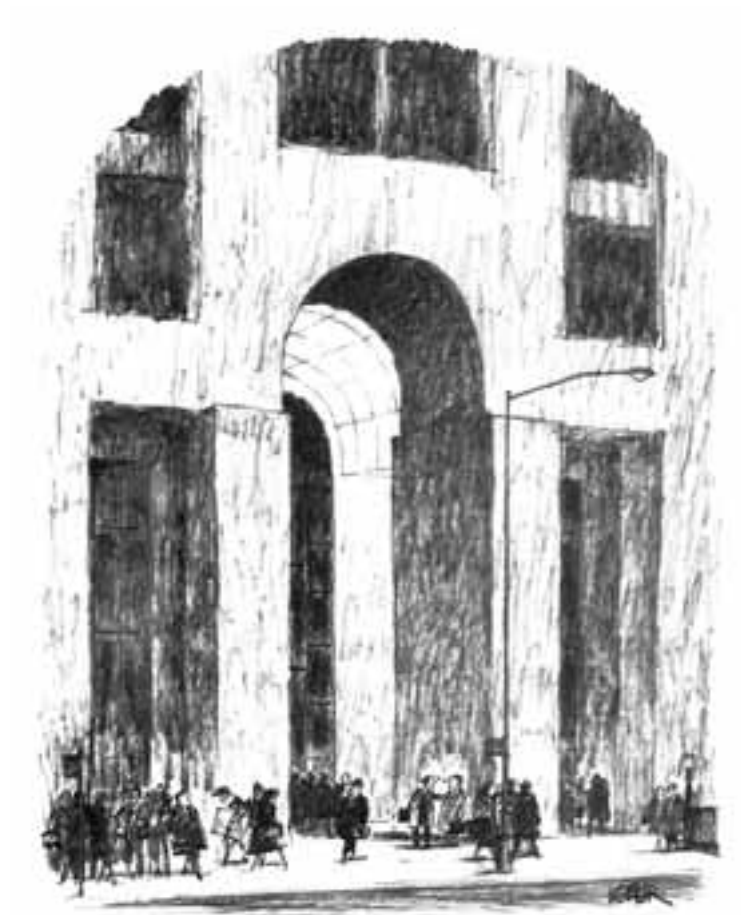
*“Excuse me, but which is it that practically kills you—
polysaturated or polyunsaturated?”*



"It may not be a balk, but it's something."



Mother's Day



"I'll say goodbye now, Ed. This is my slot."





"Minneapolis and St. Paul to see you, sir."



"I just know I'm going to love horses all my life. That's why I'm planning to have a career in banking, insurance, and real estate."



"At the bottom of the steps, turn right. The meter is on the far wall."





"Go easy on Jason. He just hit the big one-oh."



"I'll have the artist's lunch, if there is such."

IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE

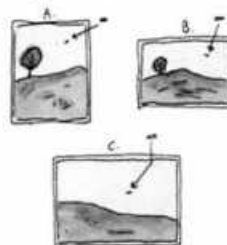
Fragments of UFO that
crash-landed last week near
Lambert's Corner, Saskatchewan



Soil taken
from site



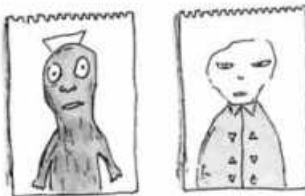
Some photos taken
just prior to landing
of craft



Enlarged photo (B)



Drawings done by
Mrs. Kitty Nedersen,
witness, while under
hypnosis



Tape recording of
nearby dog barking
uncontrollably at time
of visitation



R. Chast





“Do you have anything to say before I start reading the paper?”



“New money, Bobby, is old money that got away.”



*"You are about to experience something rare in
your life, Stan—rejection."*



“Let’s run through this once more—and, remember, you choke up at Paragraph Three and brush away the tear at Paragraph Five.”



Charles Barsotti

"Yeah? Well, I happen to know that you're not supposed to be in here, either."

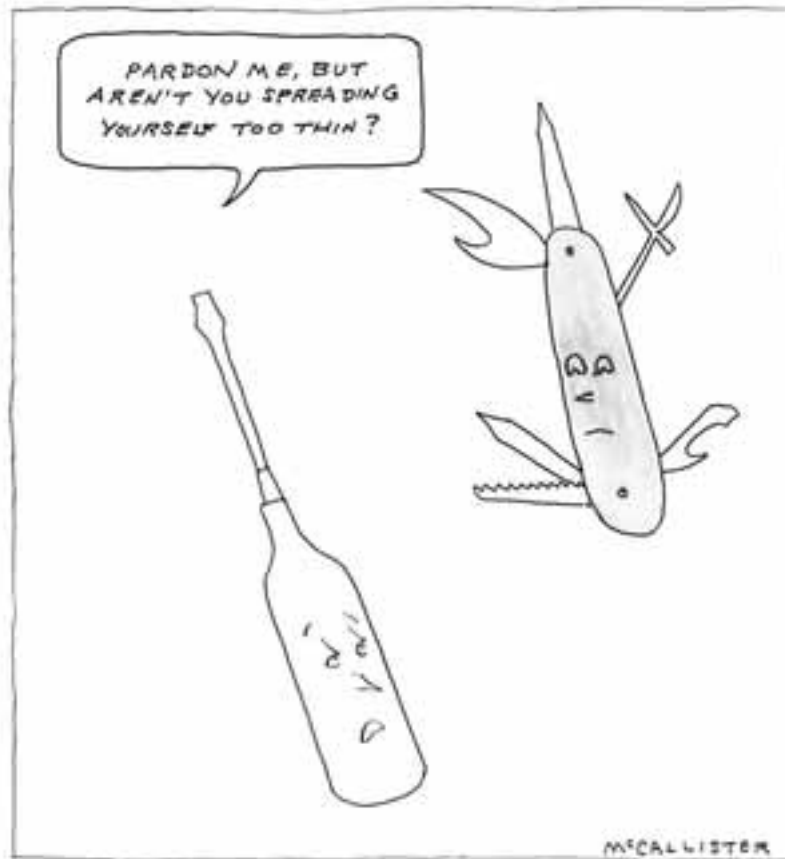




"He likes it."

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TREASURE MAP





"Tallyho!"



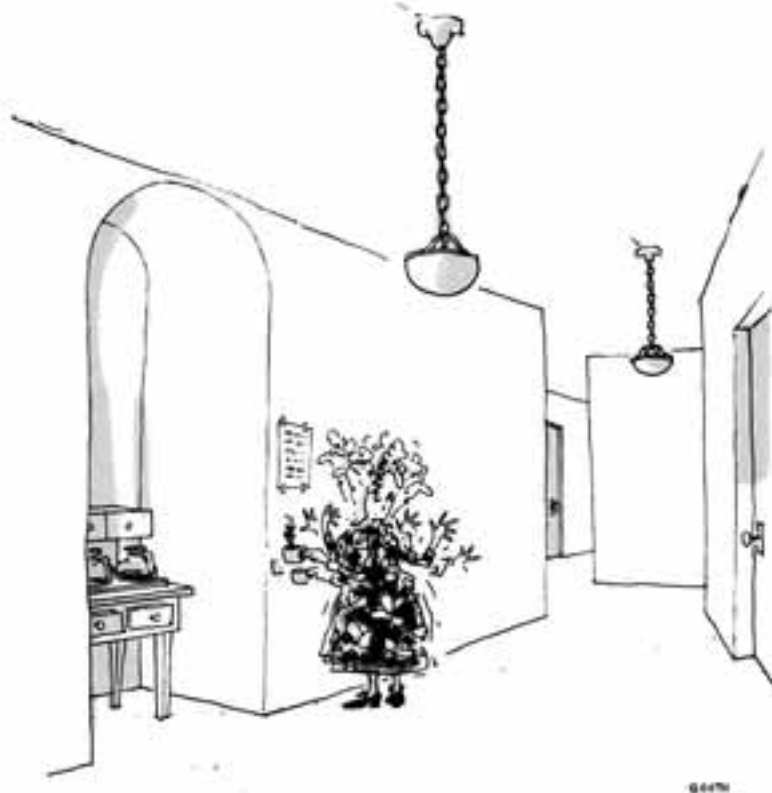


"All I know is she has unlimited access."





"The bride wore a white silk warmup suit, and the groom wore a black Palm Beach jogging outfit."

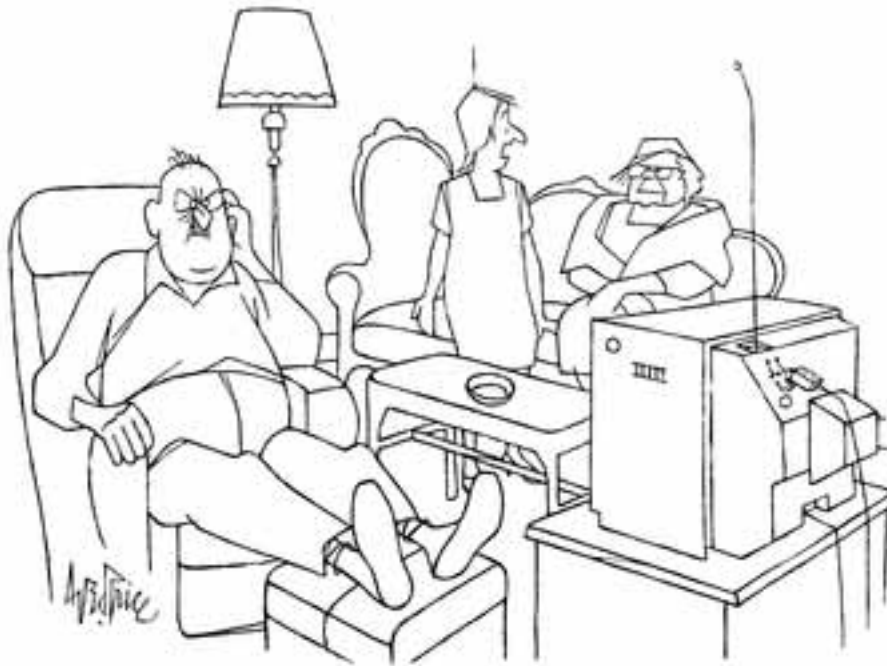


“Please make regular coffee in the pot with brown trim and decaffeinated coffee in the pot with orange trim, so people can tell what kind it is. And do not tarry at the vaulted coffee niche.”



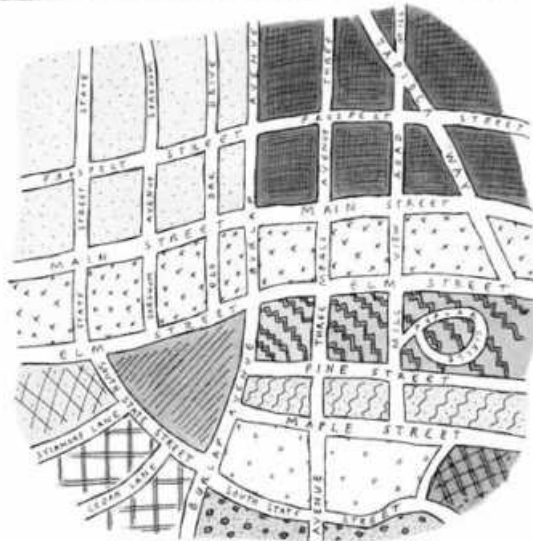
ARBITRAGEUR IN EXILE





“For our paper anniversary, he’s going to assume my share of the national debt.”

1989 MAP OF SORGHUM CORNERS, OHIO



KEY TO NEIGHBORHOODS

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|--|-------------------------|
| = Midtown | = Napa (North of Pine) |
| = Upper West Side | = Sapa (South of Pine) |
| = Upper East Side | = Soma (South of Maple) |
| = Helen's Kitchen | = Little Canada |
| = Trishalm (Triangle Below Elm) | = Finlandtown |
| = Shopper's Village Mall (AKA 'The Village') | |

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*"Where's Molly Pitcher? And who in tarnation
is this Gunga Din?"*



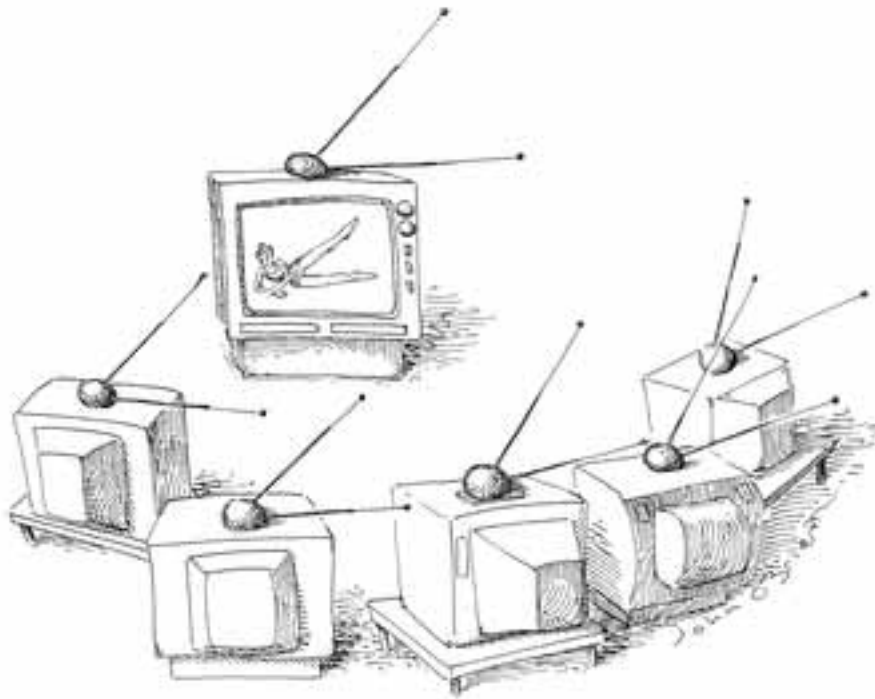
“Miss Fleming, would you mind dialling 911 for me?”



"My support group told me to go to hell."



*"I don't love you anymore, Lucille, and I'm
dropping you off at your mother's house."*









“Why? You cross the road because it’s in the script—that’s why!”

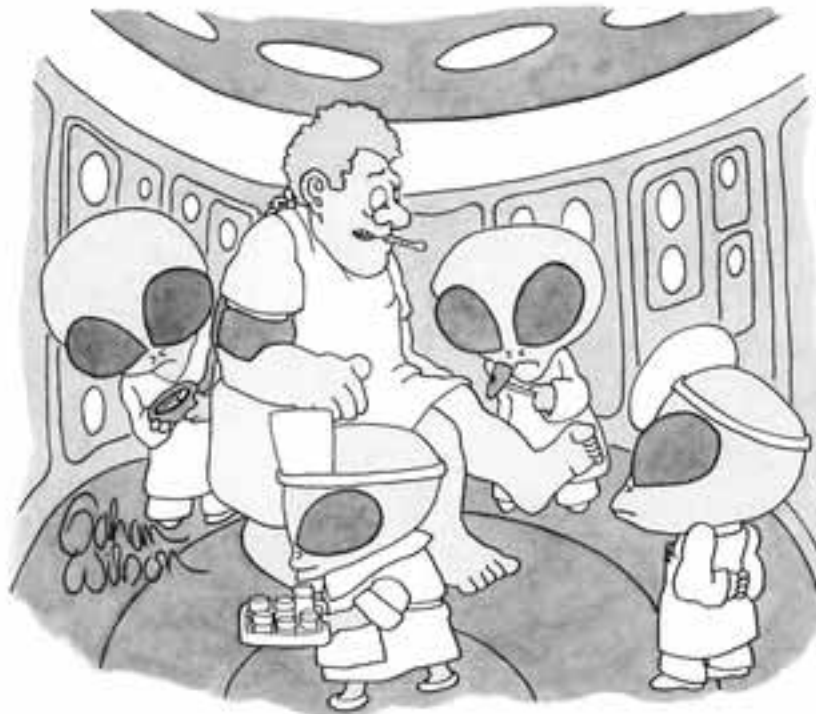


"You look like you could use another scoop of mint chocolate chip."

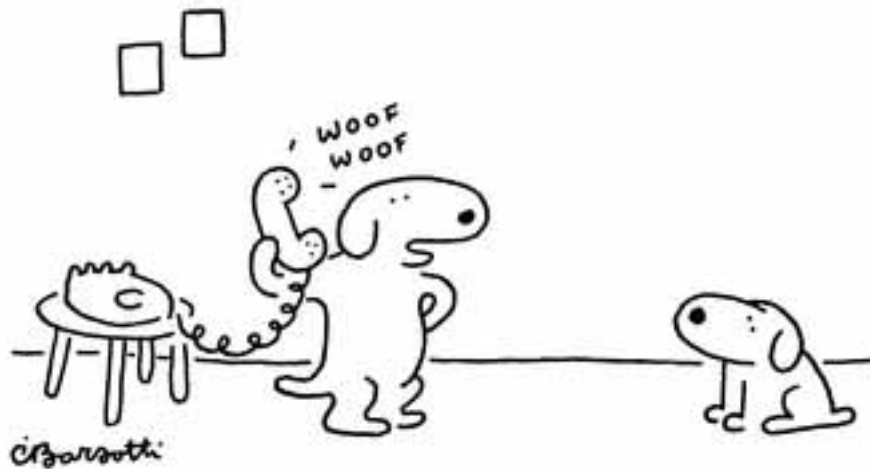




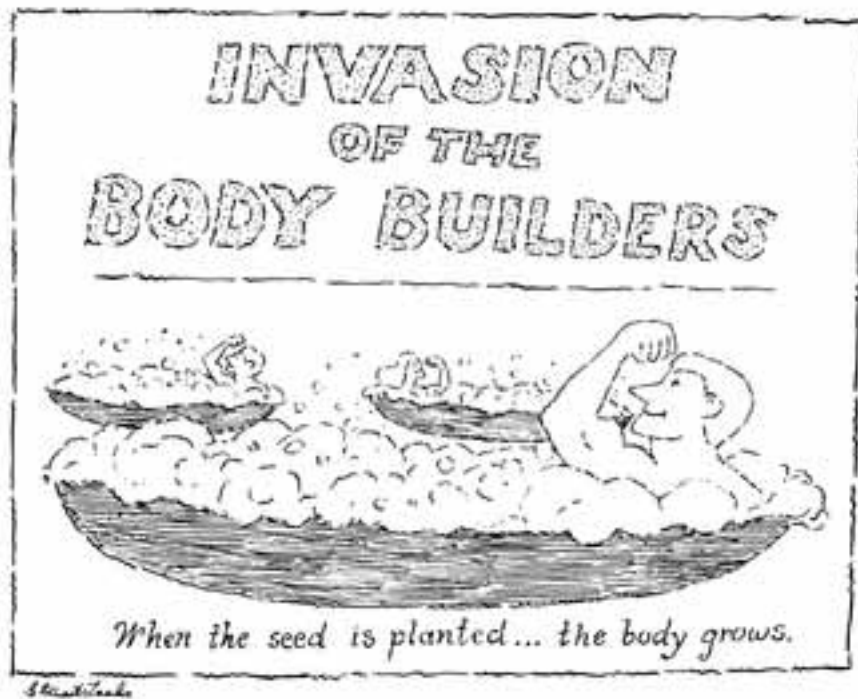
"If we hurry, you might still make this Sunday's 'Times' obits."



"I had a touch of the flu last February, and that funny ache in my thumb still flares up when it's damp, but, thanks to the diet and exercise program you recommended, I feel better all around since the last abduction."



"They're out. It's the damn answering machine."





"You're not listening!"



“The kids are grown before you know it, aren’t they?”



*"I don't care what you say—I never trust a guy who
shakes hands with both hands."*



"Too Tom Wolfeish!"





*"The first thing about living alone again
is not to overdo the chintz."*

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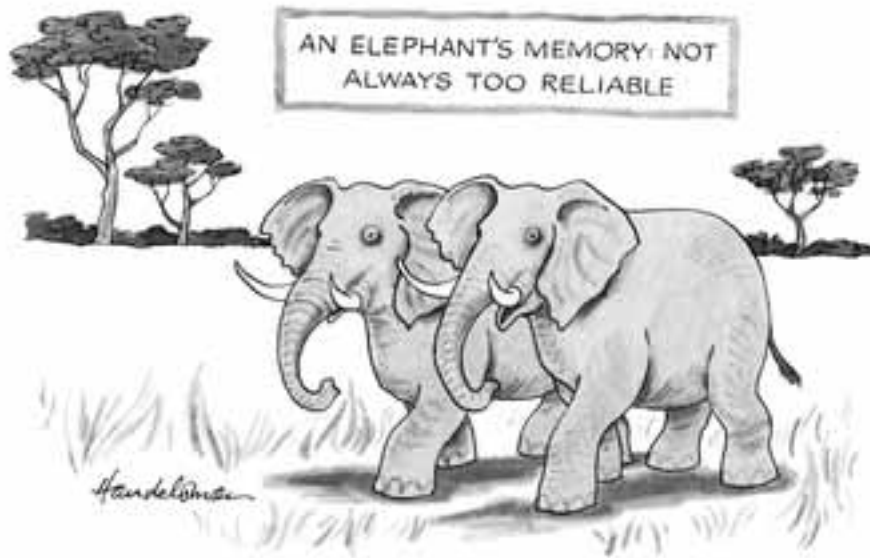
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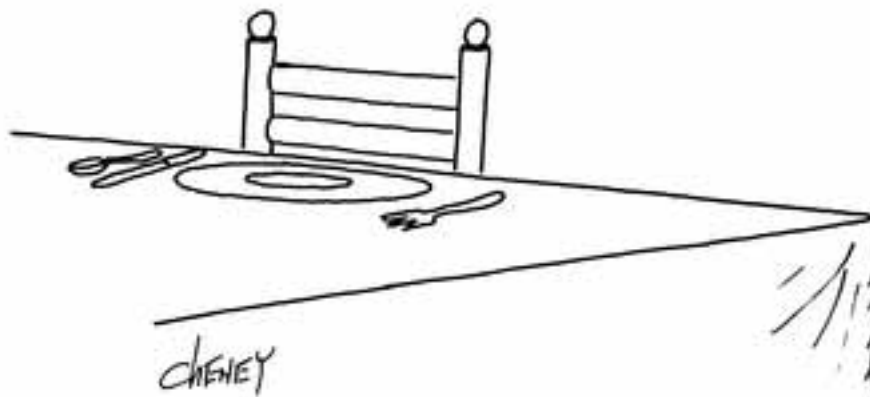
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THIS-ISN'T-A-WALKUP-
RAILROAD-FLAT HOVEL®
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a chat



*"Honus Wagner had a lifetime batting average of .329
and wrote 'Lohengrin.' Ask me another."*



*No Caffeine, No Preservatives, No Artificial Color, No Artificial Flavor,
No Sodium, No Sugar, No Artificial Sweeteners, and No Cholesterol*



"Sam, this is Willie Zimmer, whose quiet authority informs the mailroom."



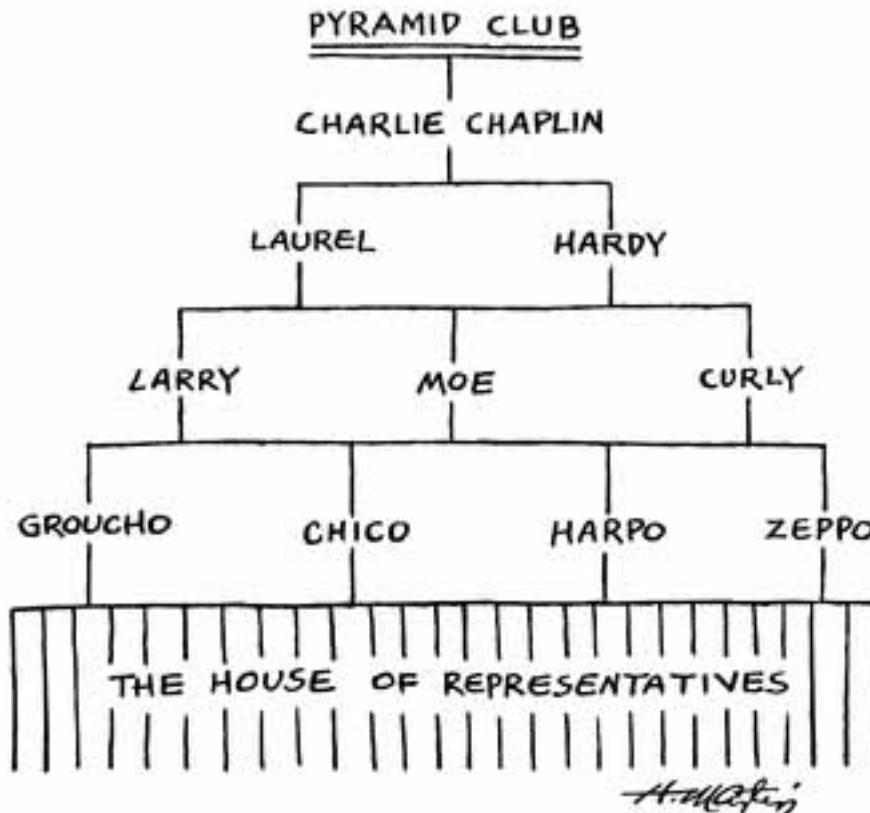
"If you ask me, he's come too far too fast."



*“It must be catching. You read about crimes all the time,
the next thing you know you’re committing one.”*



*“He says his ballads sing of the brotherhood of man, with
due regard for the stabilizing influence of the nobility.”*



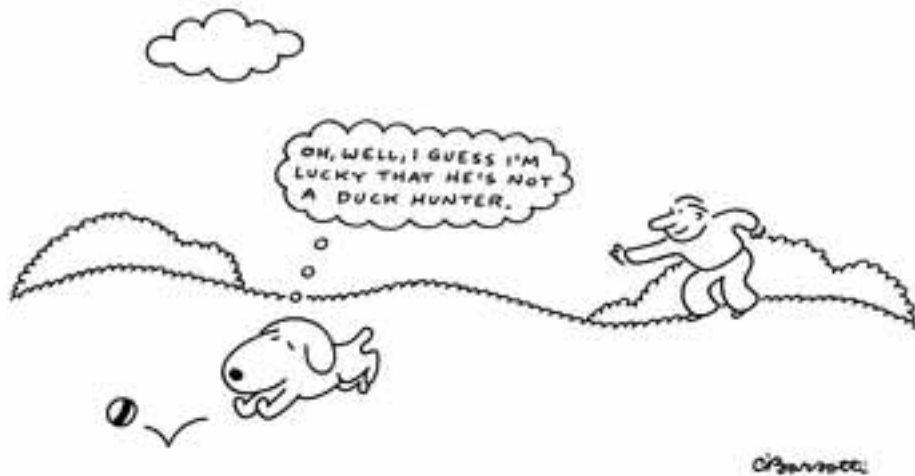




“Mr. Colton, do we stand behind our products?”



THE KING OF L.A.





Sunday Best



“If I make the first move, do you promise to make the second move?”

GREEK ORDERS



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Stuart Leeds



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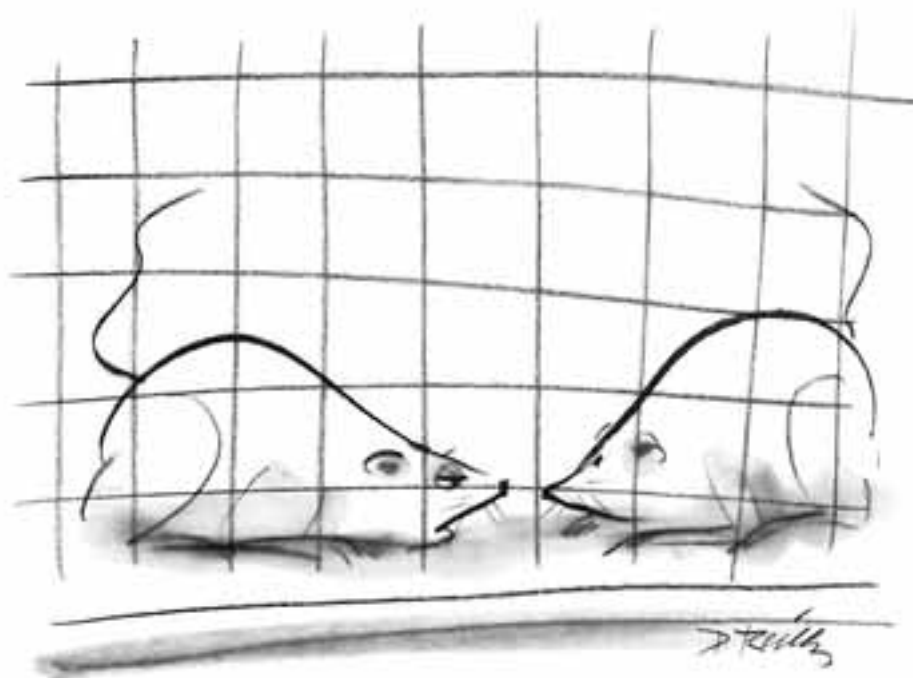


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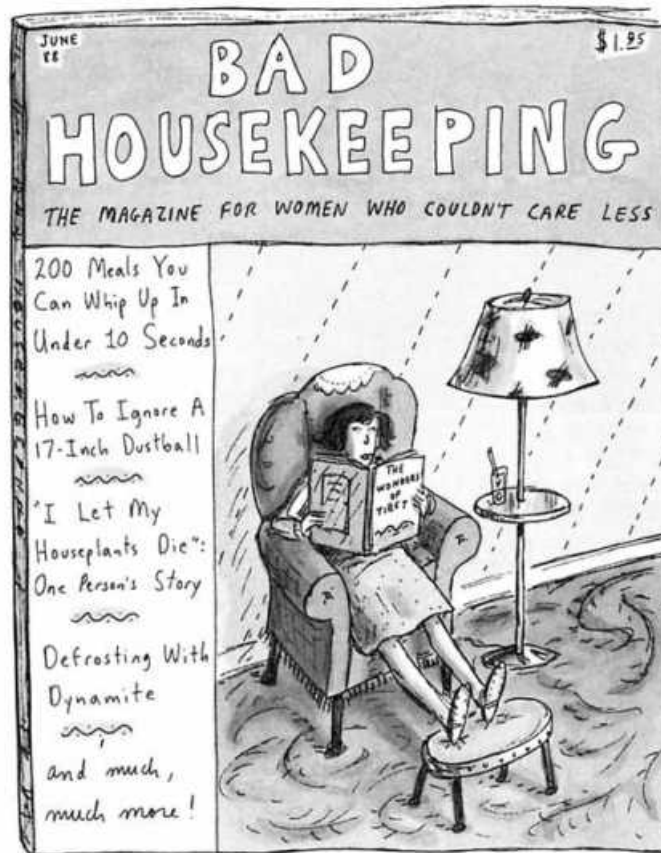




"It'll never work out. She's patented, he isn't."



LEONARDO MEETS THE IRS



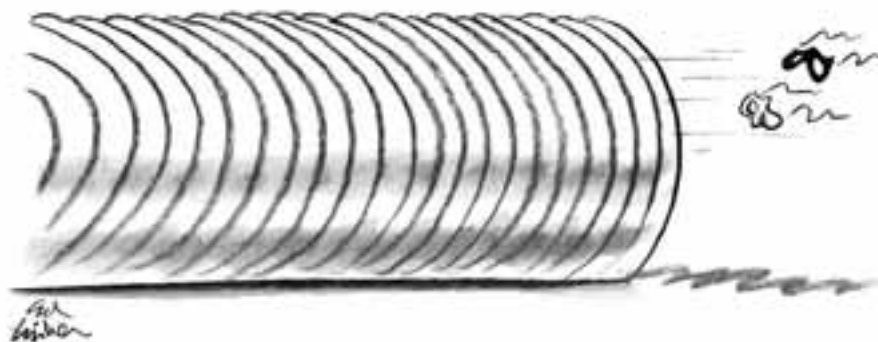


"Look no further! It's Professor Blenhardt!"



"Today the secret ingredients for Mom's Apple Pie were sold to the Japanese for sixty-eight million dollars."

HISTORIC FACE-OFF IN A WIND TUNNEL:
THE LONE RANGER VS. THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA







“Now that the children are gone, I’m leasing twenty-seven hundred square feet for immediate occupancy, warehousing several luxury units, and aiming for complete co-op conversion by early September.”



"Please note, today is the last day I will say 'Have a nice day' to you. Starting tomorrow, I will say 'Have a good one.'"

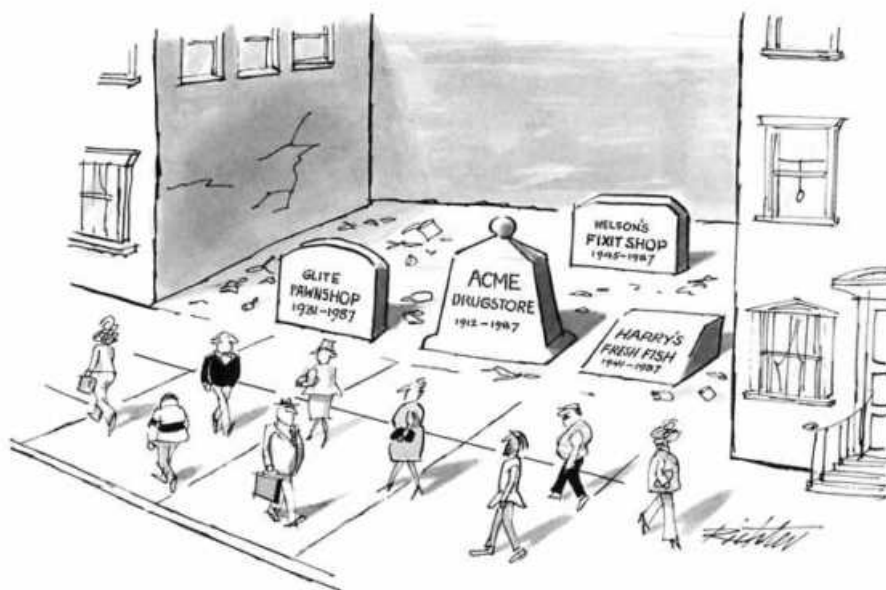


“Libra (September 23–October 23): Busy, busy, busy. The accent is on excitement and romance. Be ready for a flurry of calls, invitations . . .”

THE BEAT GOES ON



"Hi! I'm Edward Emlyn Parkerson IV. I just graduated and started work today for Goldman, Sachs. My 'usual' will be a Gibson up."



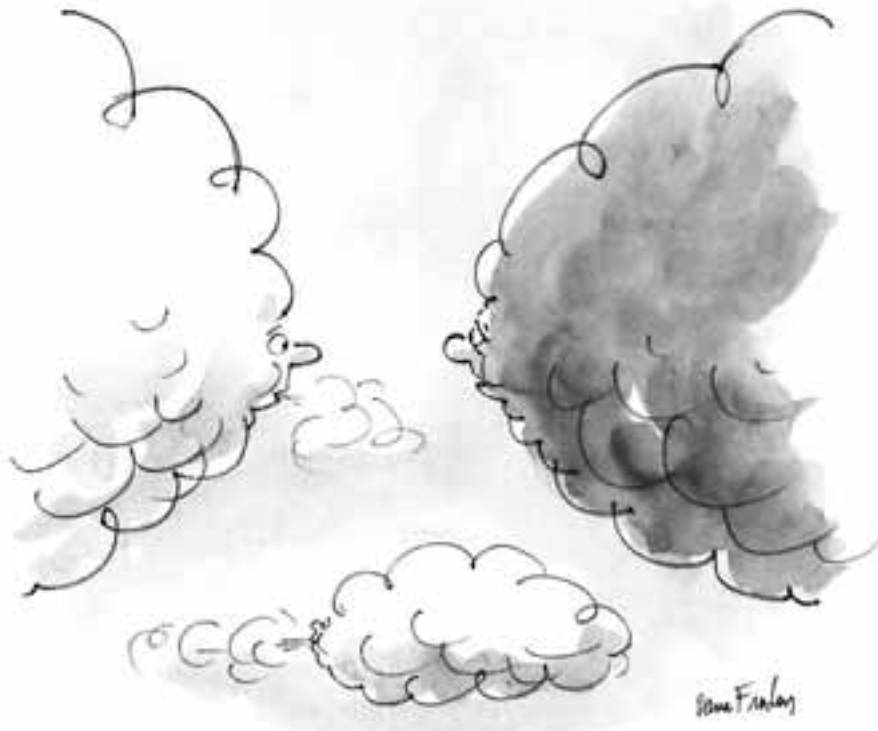




“Let’s not forget one thing—theirs is California money.”



“Well, now that we have a place, I guess what we’ll need is things.”



“Do you have some Tums? I’m filled with acid rain.”



"What the hell did you do with your day before I retired?"



"A twist . . . a twist . . ."





"The first one to fall asleep gets today's competitive-edge award."



Preparing to Cross the Alps: Hannibal's Address to His Elephants



*“Mr. Caldwell comes to us from a minimum-security
correctional facility in Pennsylvania.”*



*“Let’s run out this weekend and buy some deck furniture—
just the two of us.”*

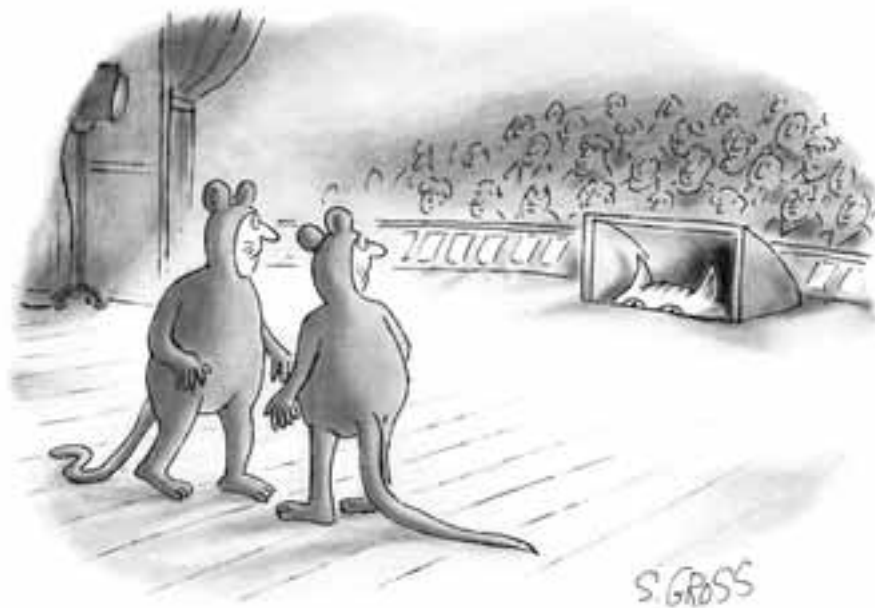


"This is Joshua. Joshua fit the battle of Jericho."



"Play 'Misty' for me."







"Bandits at two o'clock, Mr. Feldon!"



“Do you have any idea who I am?”



*“Good morning, everybody. My name is Donald, and I’ll
be your judge today.”*



Four-color Pizza with Pepperoni and Extra Cheese





"Tomorrow night let's switch back to gin."

THE EXPULSION FROM LARCHMONT





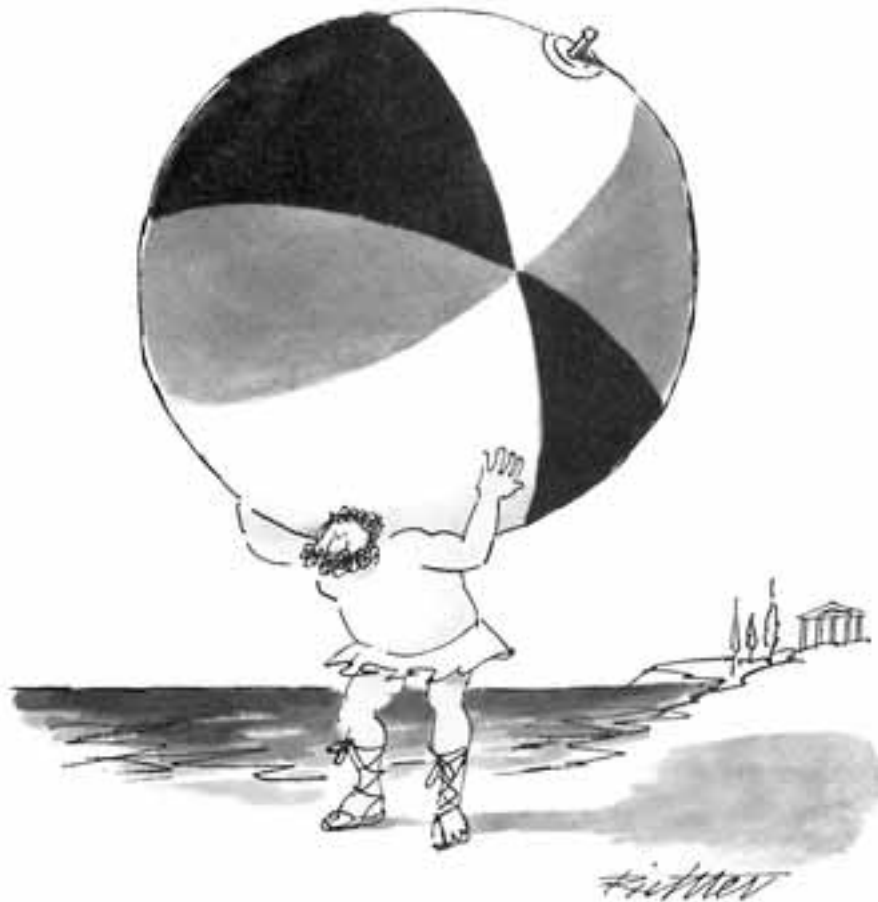
*“He’s trustworthy, loyal, obedient, cheerful, and all that,
but he leans to the left.”*



Siren



"I'm not angry, I'm just very disappointed."





*“Hey, this is New York, and you’re a pigeon.
What more could you ask for?”*



"That one is for learning the lesson of Afghanistan."



"Hold it a second. I want to watch this."



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SECRETS OF ADULTHOOD

Anybody can change a light bulb.



Soap and water will take most stains right out.



The word "cosine" never, ever comes up.

One shampoos is just about as good as another.



99.9% of people don't understand tides.



It's o.k. to throw out a pencil whenever you feel like it.



R. Chast





*“As far as I know, Rudy is the first person in
East Hampton to wear Cajun.”*



“So far so good. Let’s hope we win.”





"Damn it with faint praise."





“Leon, do you think that when the Cree do the Prairie-Chicken Dance they make contact with the Great Spirit?”



"Michael, do your dinner."



*"Please welcome R70X, our first board member
from the ranks of labor."*



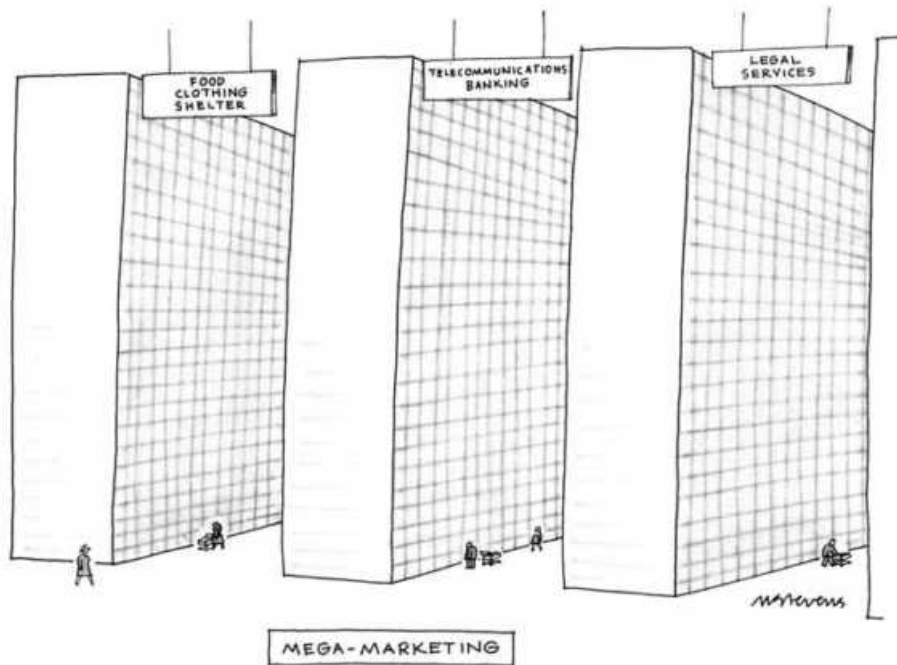


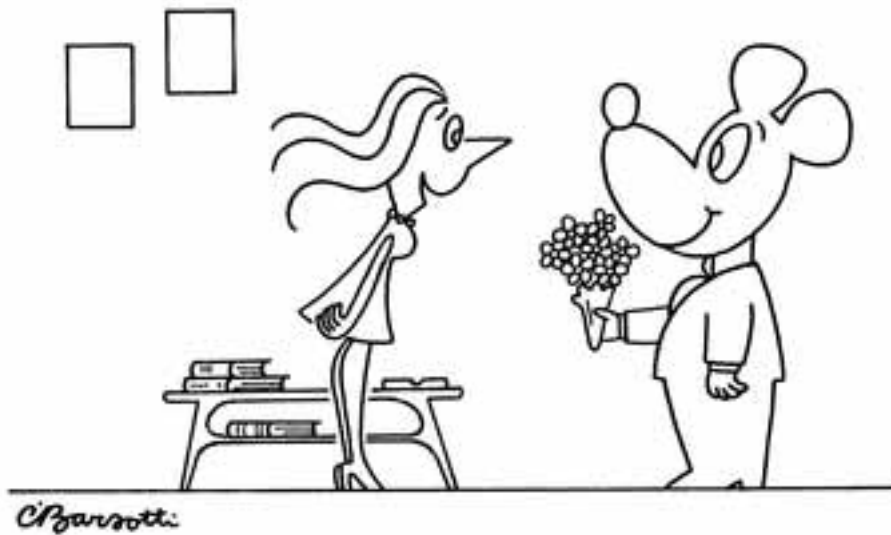
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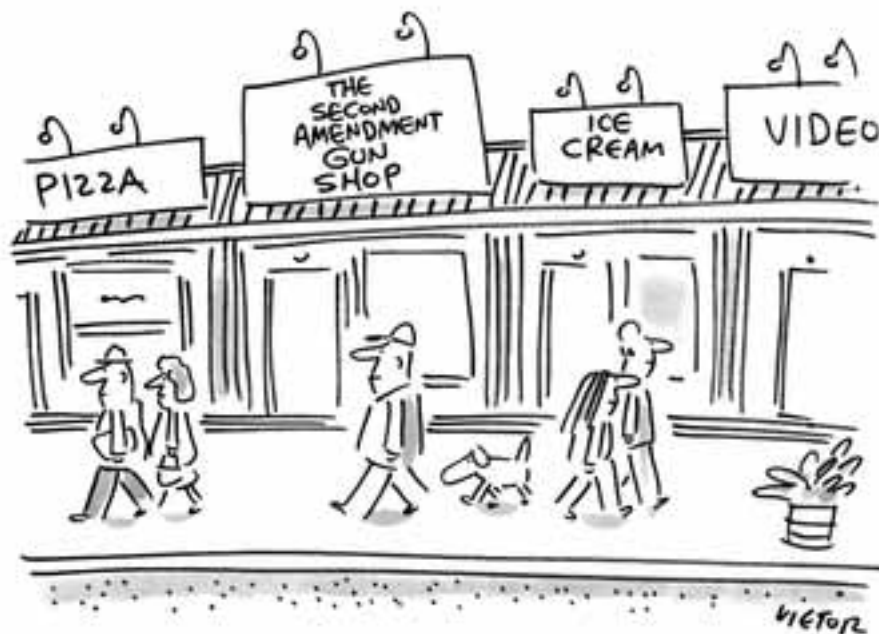


“Do I detect a new resentment?”





*"My girlfriend said you were cute, but, gosh,
she didn't say how cute."*





"Ladies and gentlemen, the chicken, and, in a related development, the egg."



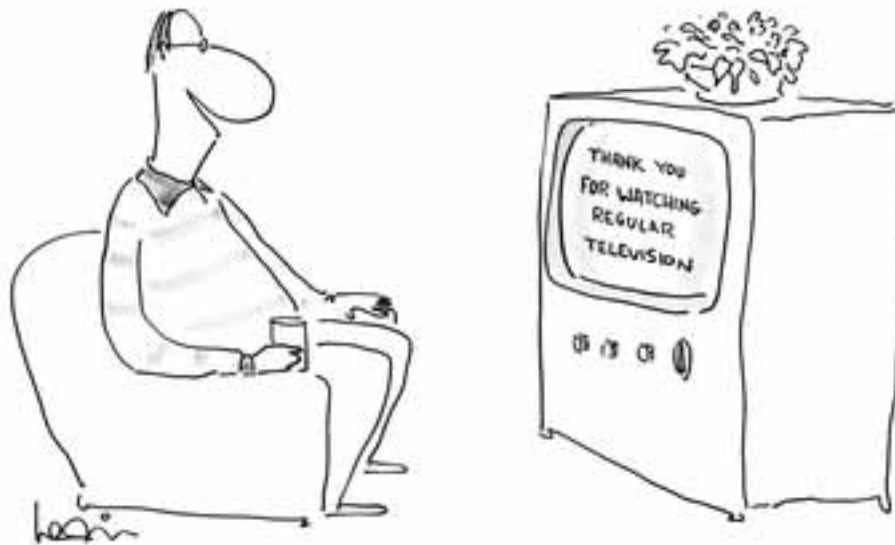
“Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington should write a book about you!”



"It's a great treaty, but do we trust us?"

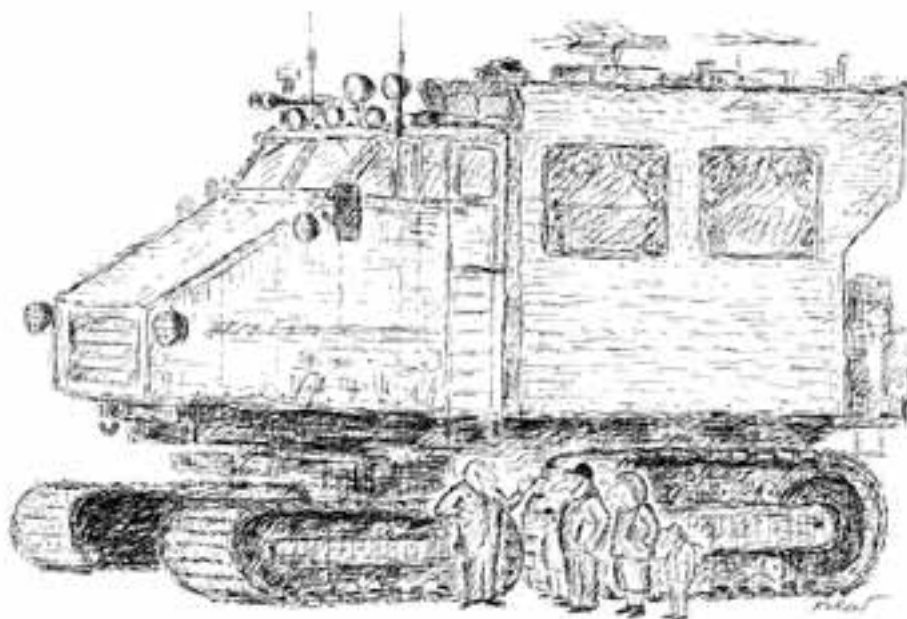


“Is there a pilot in the house?”





*Cyclops Notices He's Getting Bald and Decides
That's the Last Straw*



“Why not take her out for a spin? It’ll blow your socks off!”



"I knew he was lost the moment we left the water."



"We hate to run, but Herbert likes to get home in time to slam the phone down on a few telemarketing calls."

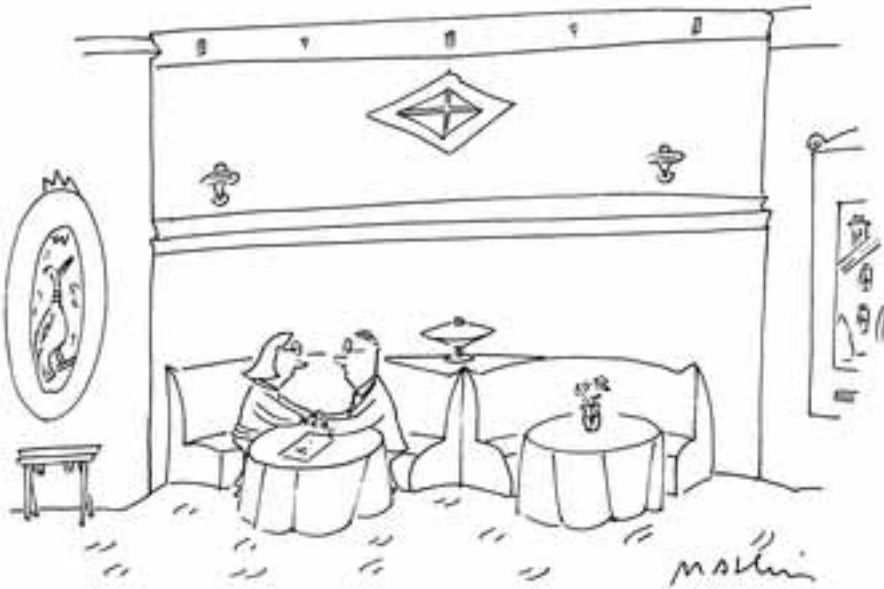


“Yes, just in town for the day, shopping around for a lawyer.”



*"Pick up the cleaning, a chocolate mousse, and something
with Cary Grant."*





"I've never been surer of anything in my life, Pamela—one stuffed pepper will be enough for the two of us."

Lifetime Achievement Awards



R. Chast







"You look like a man who picks his own width."







*“You know Brad Cullins, of course, and this is Loretta.
Loretta is your opposite number at Brad’s house.”*



"Thank you, Bentley. We get the picture."

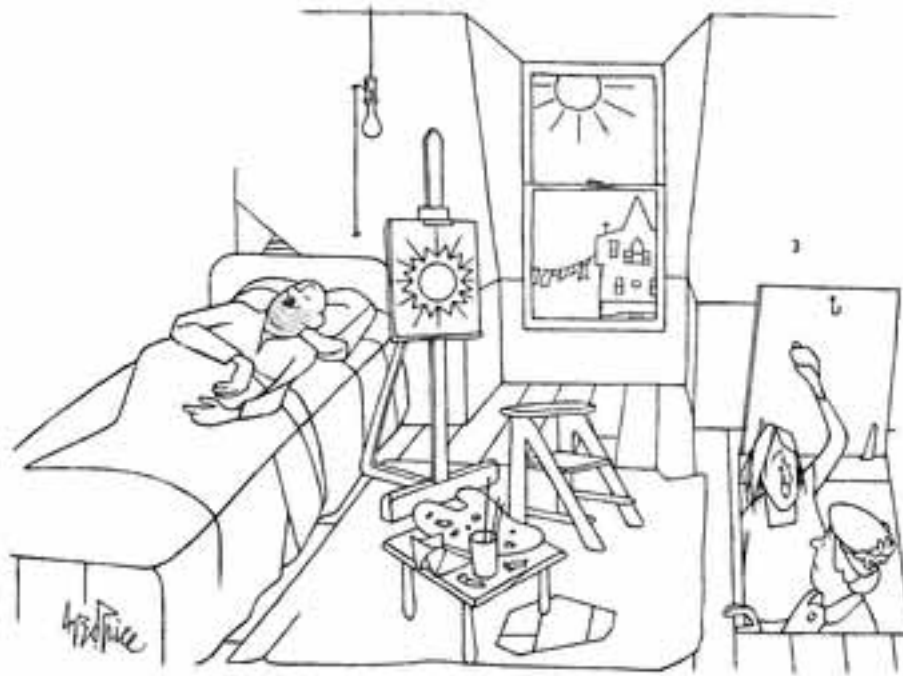
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"Your Honor, I have a rebuttal witness."



"Miss Johnson will now pass out the moral blinders."

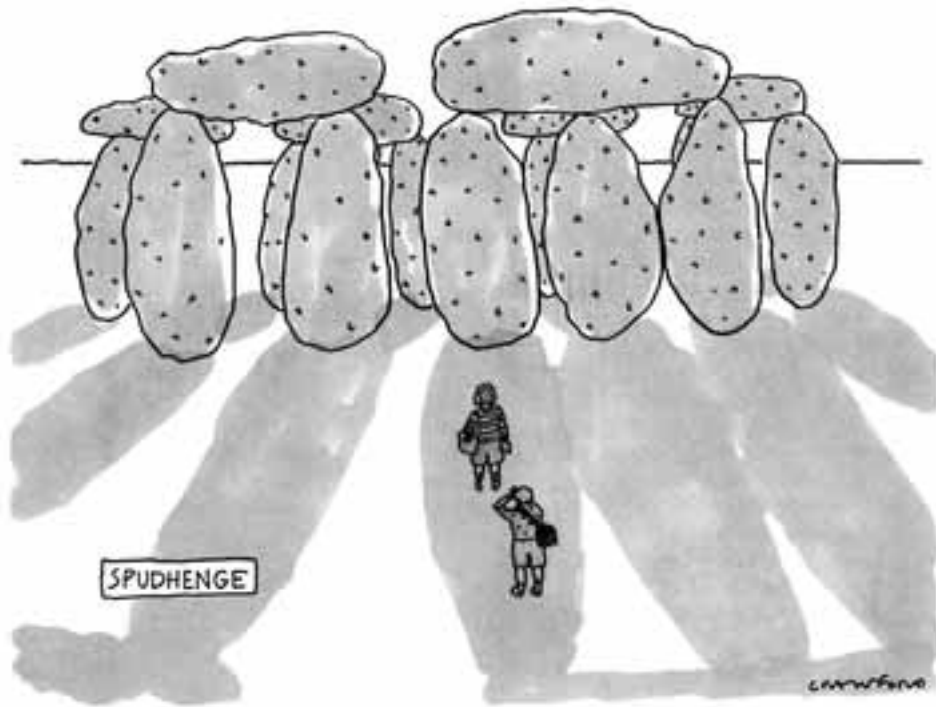


*"He arose at five to catch the early-morning light,
caught it, and crawled back in again."*





"For God's sake, Al, adjust your vertical hold."





“Is that so much to ask from life, a little Vuillard on the piano?”



“Now, there’s not too much nature, is there?”





"It's only me, the rubbish consultant."



*"It's got to come out, of course, but that doesn't
address the deeper problem."*







"Honey, I'm home."



"You realize, of course, that if you take this position you'll be my sidekick?"



*"I read somewhere that when two people live together
for a long time they start to look like each other."*



“For purposes of clarification, Miss Hardie, does ‘Oh, wow’ mean ‘Yes’ or does ‘Oh, wow’ mean ‘No’?”

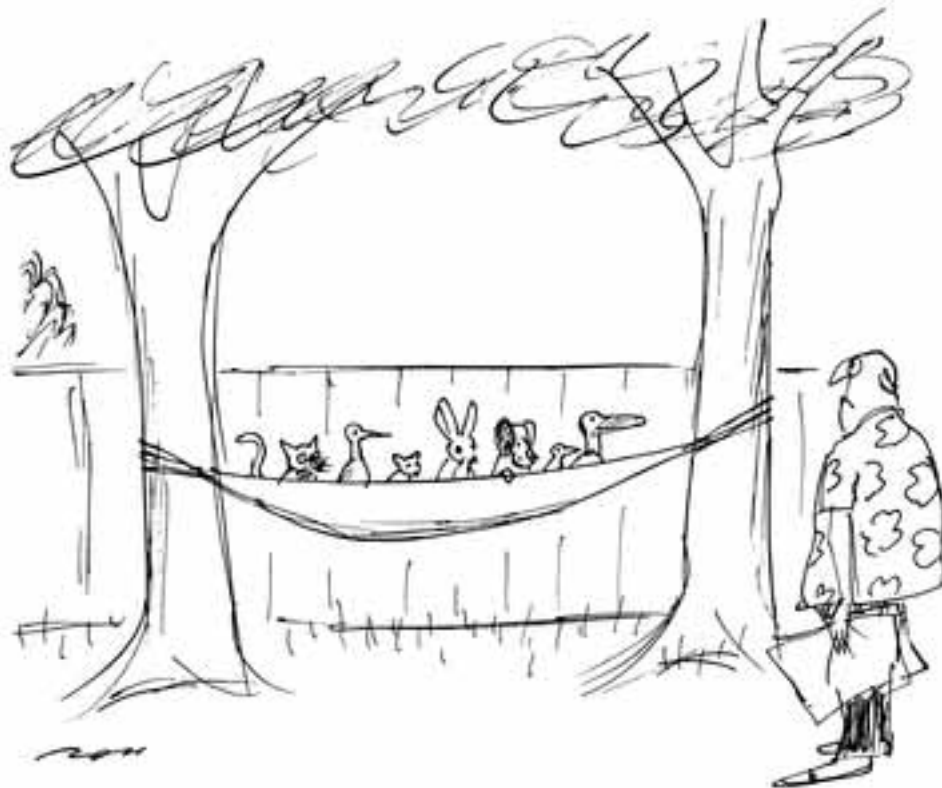




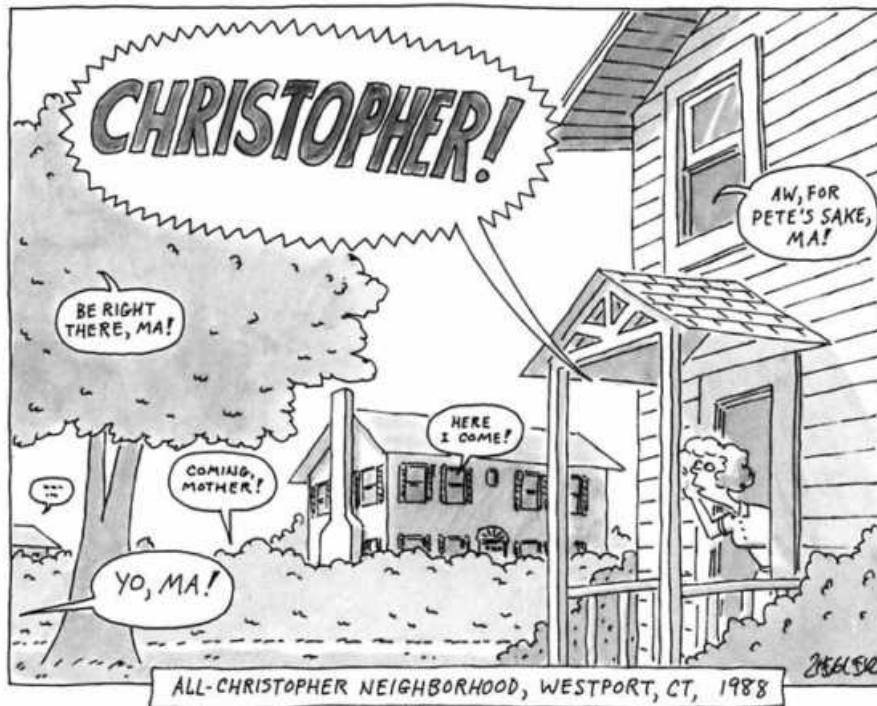
"Let's see a computer give you a haircut like this."



*“When you asked for my recommendations, sir, you may recall
that the rognons de veau was not among them.”*



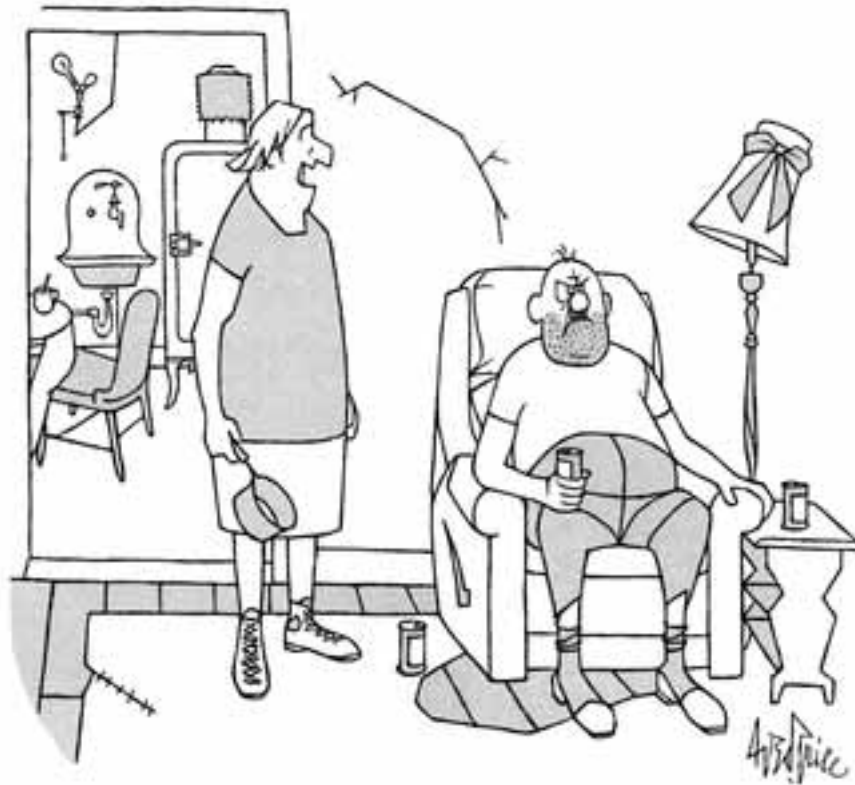








"No, no, Senator, no thanks are necessary at this time."



“Why don’t you slip into your shooting jacket with the bellows pockets and the double shoulder patches and nip down to the corner for a quart of milk?”







“Great meeting, R.M.—and, hey, thanks for the incandescence.”



*"I'm fully committed to bronze, but I must say I have
a certain nostalgia for working in stone."*





The Lemmings of Montauk



“Not your typical burrowing rodents, that’s for sure.”



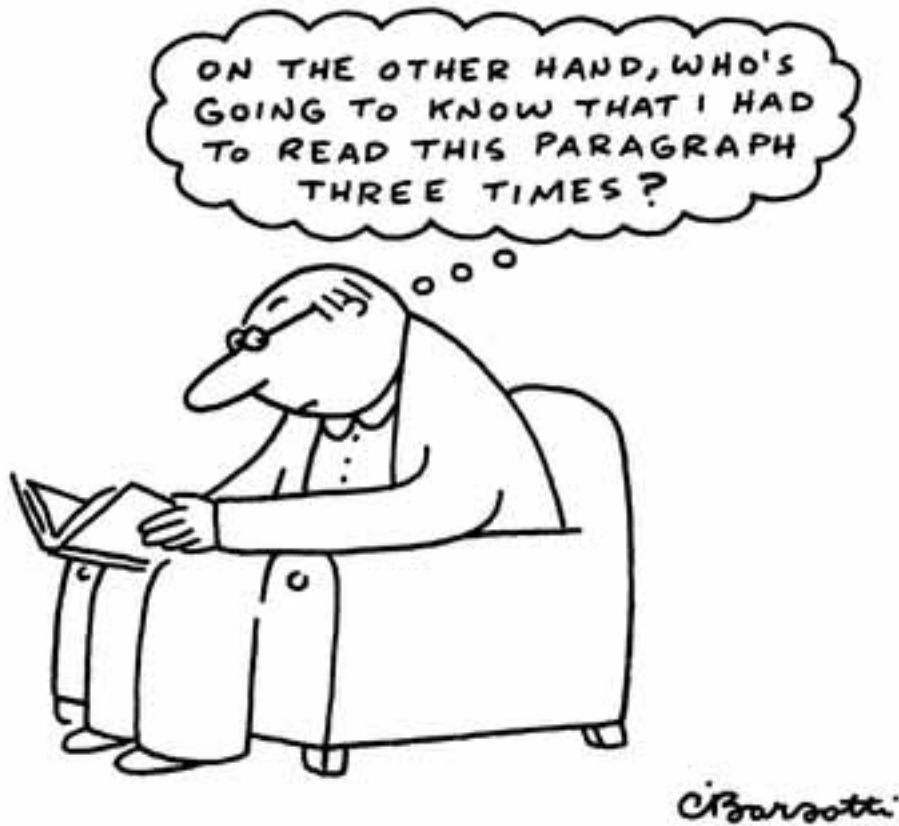




"The way you use pepper scares me."

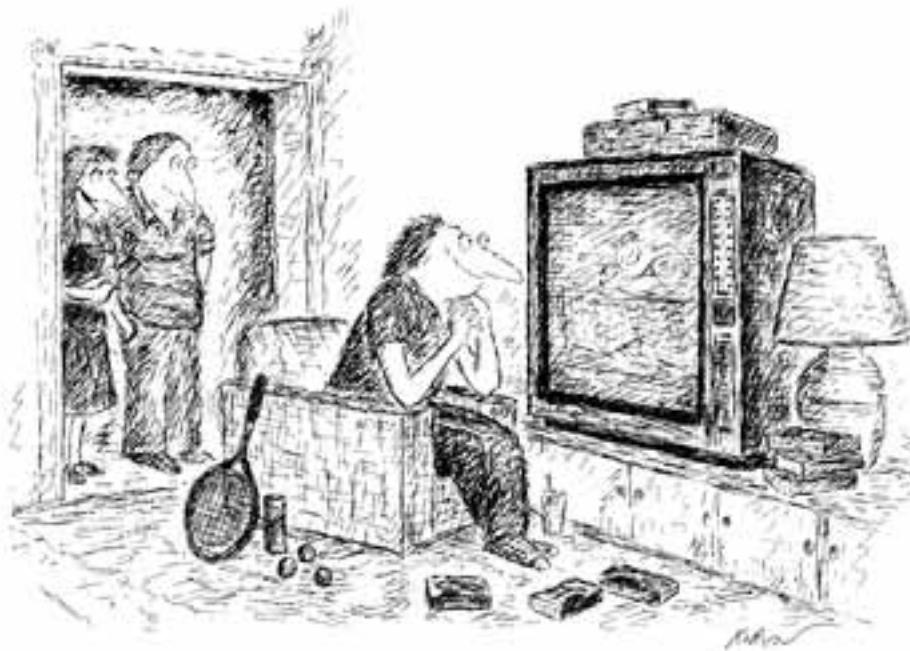


"This whole forest is getting unbearably gentrified."





“Good evening, and welcome to the Alvarado Theatre. In this evening’s performance, the part of Eddie, usually played by Jeff Guthrie, will be played by Wally Zorn. The management requests that you observe the no-smoking regulations and reminds you that the taking of pictures during the performance is strictly prohibited. Beverages are not allowed in the seating areas, and we ask you to place all litter in the proper receptacles. Please take note of the exit nearest you, in the event of an emergency. Keep your feet off the balcony railing. The blowing of bubble gum is forbidden, and ladies are asked to remove their hats.”



"Nick is in here, pondering his backhand."

THURSTON PENDLETON:
Independently Broke







"I'd like the Continental breakfast."





"Watch it. Here comes the law."





"Take me home now!"



"I'd like to say something to you, Miriam—strictly off the record, of course."



“And the last paragraph of the prenuptial agreement stipulates that, no matter what hell may break loose later, neither party will go and blab about it on ‘Donahue.’”





*"I've noticed you've taken to wearing a lab coat lately.
May I ask the reason why?"*





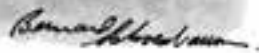
“General Torrentine is for when we want something a bit more spontaneous than a measured response.”



"Once, years ago, I gave a sucker an even break, but it didn't work out."



*"Sorry, Eric, but before I commit to anybody
I still need about three years of fun."*



"I'm one of those lucky few the camera loves."



"Gravitas, yes—but with a saving leaven of wit."

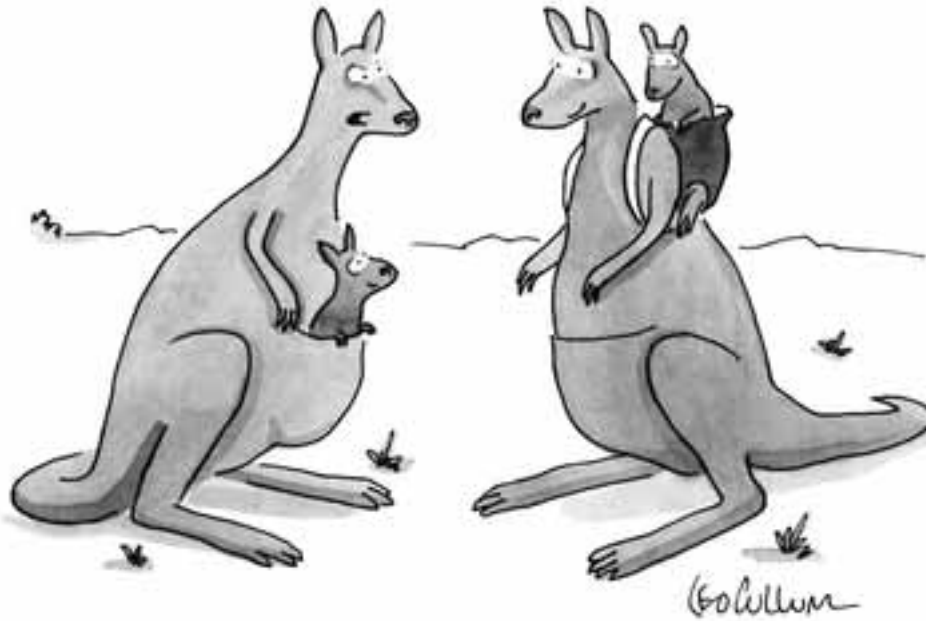




"This is serious butter pecan!"

THE 8:17 FROM DOBBS FERRY





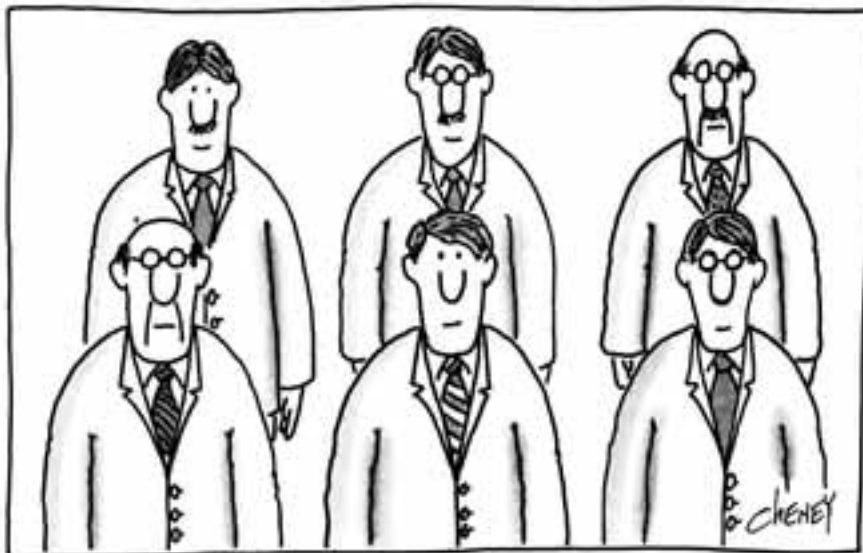
“And you call yourself a marsupial?”



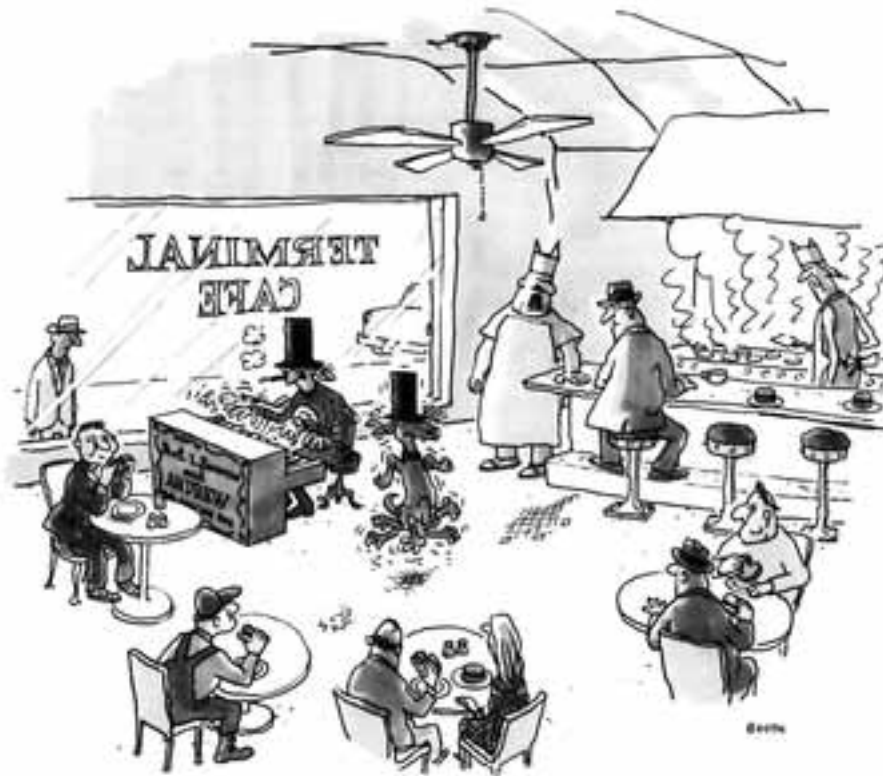
*"The sounds of the sea come to you through the
courtesy of the Clamshell Alliance."*



*"I want you to nose around and see if anybody's
trying to emulate my style."*



*Left to right, top row: Arthur Tyler Winston,
Tyler Winston Arthur, Winston Arthur Tyler.
Bottom row: Tyler Arthur Winston, Winston
Tyler Arthur, Arthur Winston Tyler.*



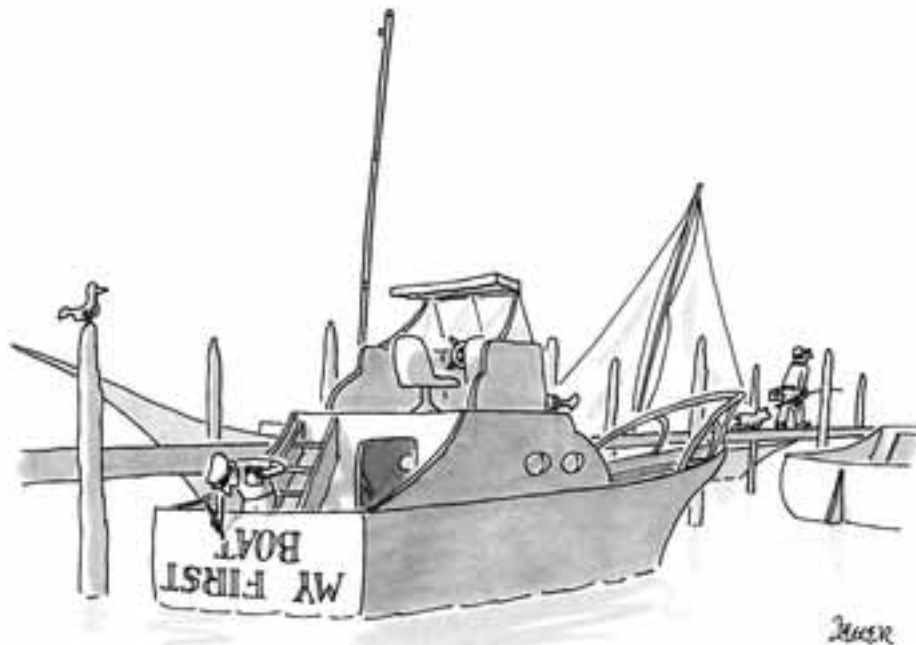
*"I don't know much about show business, but I do
know we're selling more hamburgers."*







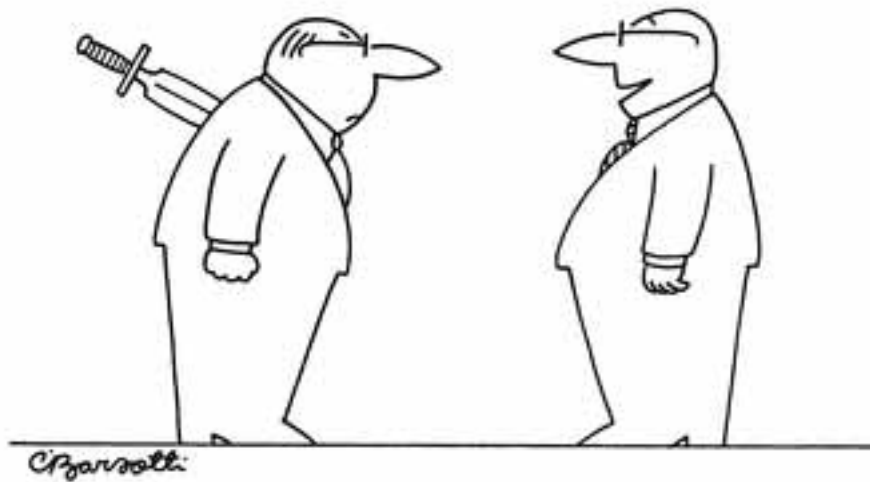
*“Look, all I’m asking is that we let market forces bring
a greater degree of efficiency into our marriage.”*





Vision in a Seeded Roll





"Friends, Arthur? I would have said we were acquaintances."







"I couldn't hack it in L.A.—I was decontextualized."



"When people here have ideas, they do not bounce them off me."



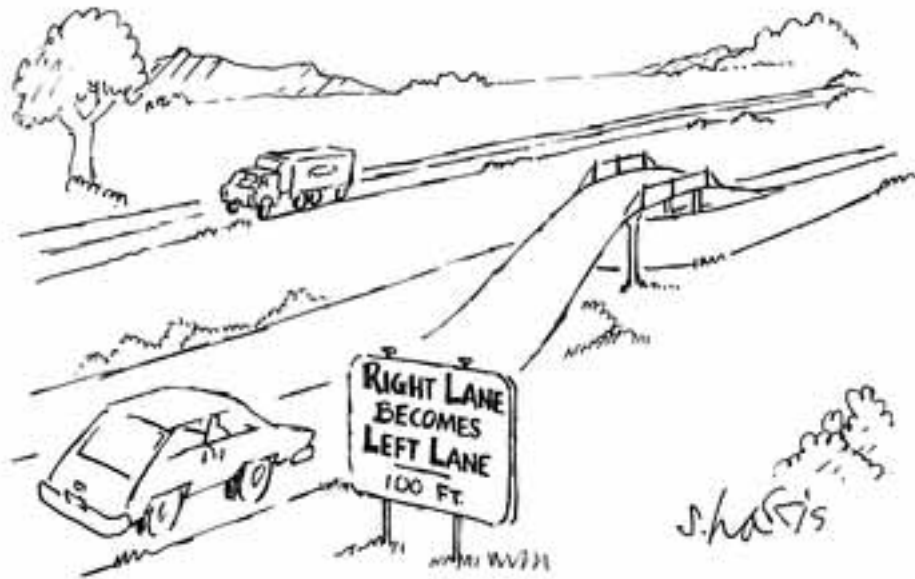


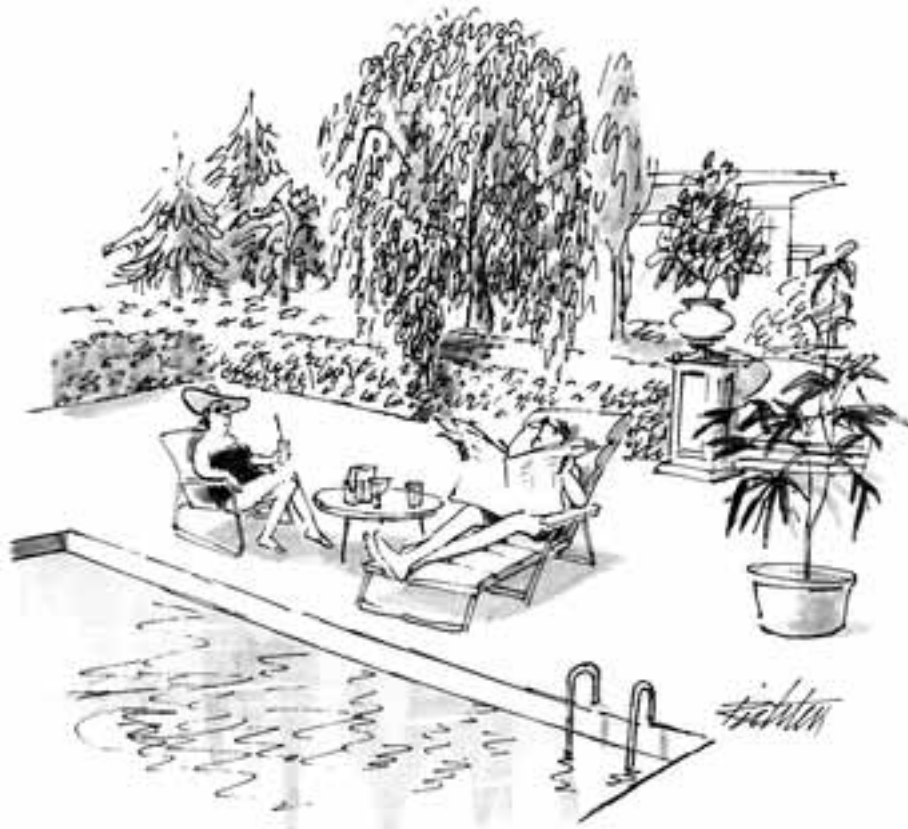
*"All along I thought our level of corruption
fell well within community standards."*



"Painting is stronger than I am. It makes me do what it wants."







"I know we live in troubled times, but I don't seem to be troubled."

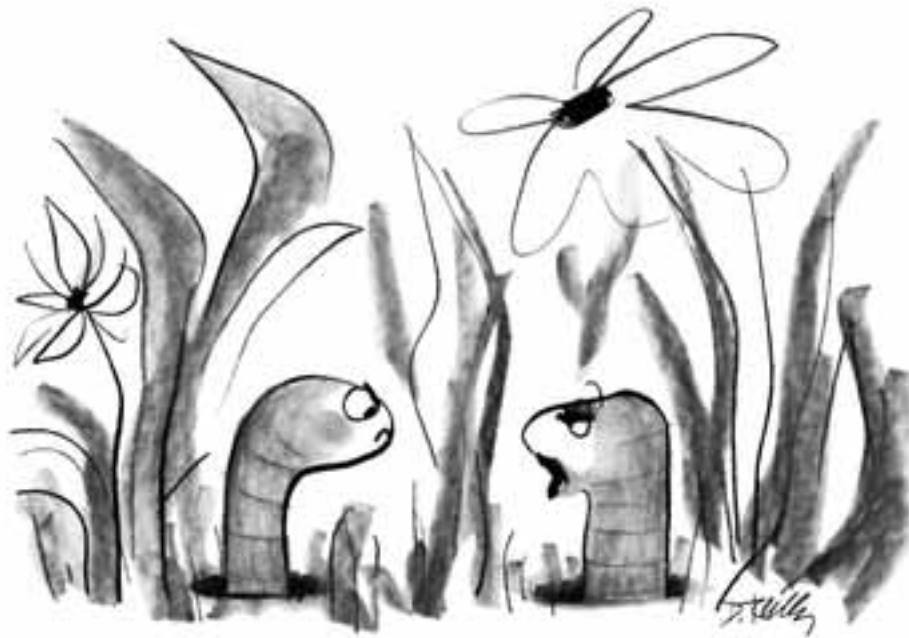


"Mr. Foster is here. He just wants to touch base."



"The chef did this on spec. Pay if you like it."





*“Of course he’s a worm, but don’t you see—calling him
a worm doesn’t help matters a bit.”*



"Is it my imagination, or do things seem to be slowing down?"



“Lauren—stop trying!”

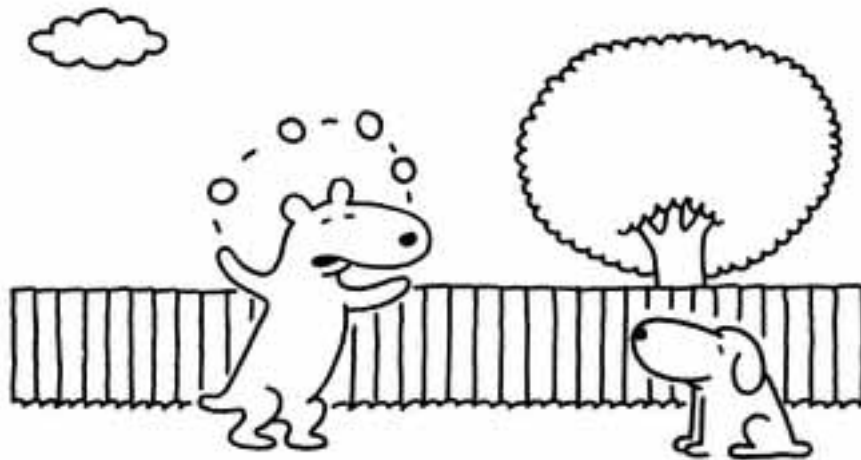


“Good news, hon—I’ve sold the ancillary rights to our marriage.”



"Social crutch."





Charles Barsotti

"O.K., laugh, but this is going to be my ticket out of here."



"Ah, the return of the Incredible Hulk."



“Your Honor, the jury finds the defendant guilty of insensitivity to the appearance of impropriety in the murder of the deceased.”





Moonrise, East Dudley, Rhode Island, July 1988



"Hey, no problem. Just touching base to say 'Hi. How goes it?' and to tell you that we really care about you. And now back to our show."



"I'm the invention. The inventor should be along any moment now."

1988

The Decoded Fashion Statements of Rhonda Perlmutter III





“Of all the Fortune 500, we’re probably the most tongue-in-cheek.”





“Thanks—it was so fabulously regional. I mean, I can’t close my eyes without seeing fajitas and Georgia O’Keeffe.”



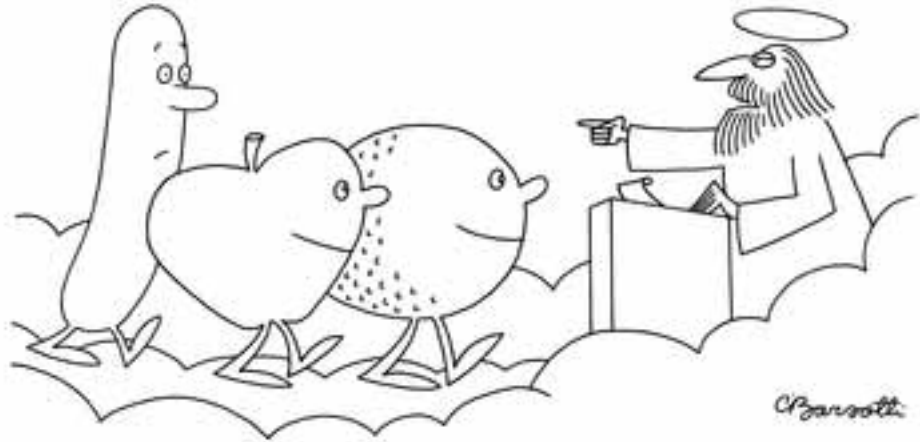


"Must be some kind of cult movie."



"Your wife is on Line 2 and wants to know if she could pick out her birthday present this year instead of me."

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JANE BRODY



*“Orange, come in. Apple, come in. Hey you, frankfurter,
hold it right there.”*





"Nevermore. And you can quote me."



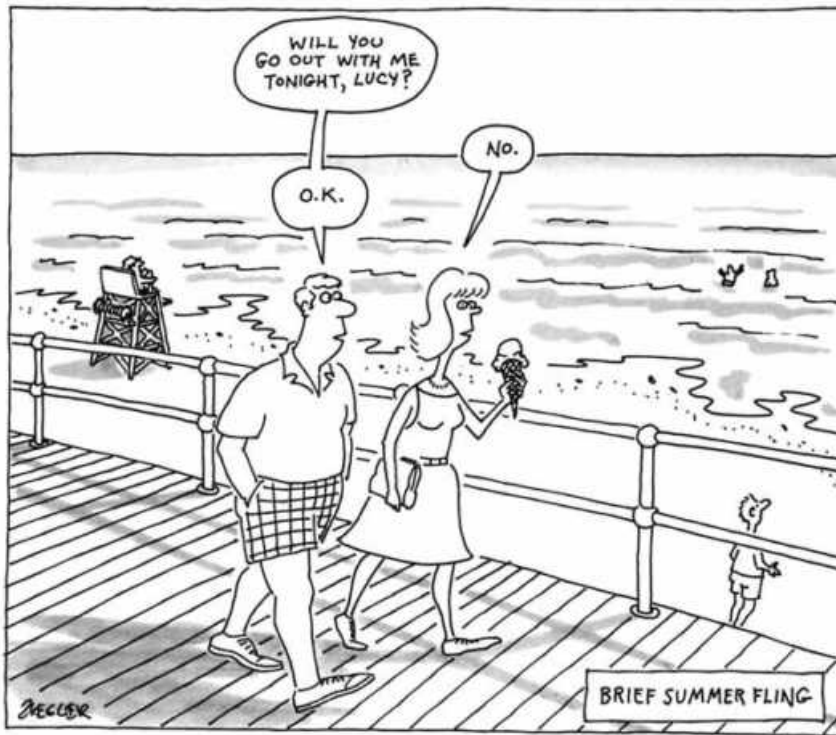
“Jonah! When did you get out?”



“We’re a great team, Sash—you with your small and large motor skills, me with my spatial awareness and hand-eye coordination.”



"Look, if you want more fun move to the Poconos."

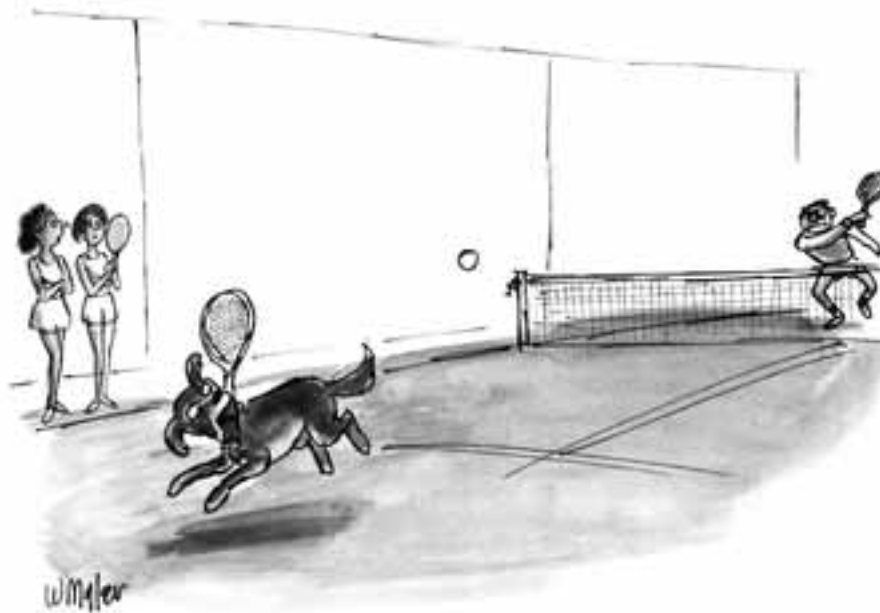




"The fit's O.K., but does it say 'Not guilty'?"



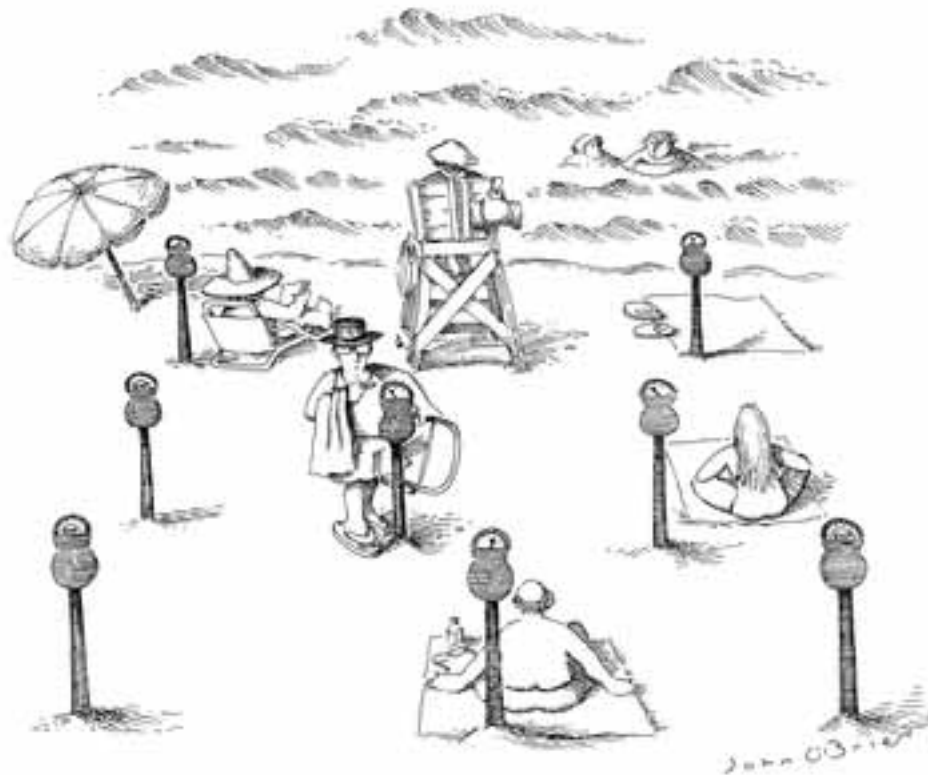
"Someday, son, all this will belong to your wife!"



"It's kind of a shame, really. Before tennis they used to be the best of friends."



"I hope you don't mind, Ed. I just had to see you."





*“Eventually I’d like to have a business
where the money rolls in and I wouldn’t
have to be there much.”*



*"I think you'd look even more state-of-the-art if you
put your leg on the desk."*

1988

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LAST ONE

R. Chast





*"I'll have the peach pie, and my husband will succumb
to the crème-de-menthe parfait."*



"He's my escort, and he's a teddy bear."



"A first-class stamp, please. Something casual."



"I'll assume, then, my remarks have hit a responsive chord?"



"Yes, I am interested in taking a fresh look at my holdings."





The Break for Freedom

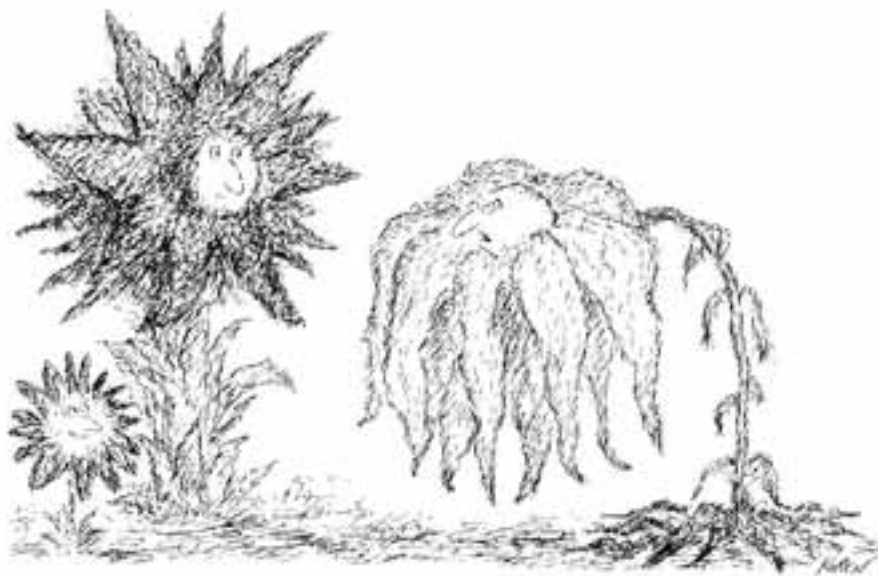


"I miss Mom's deep-dish antenna."



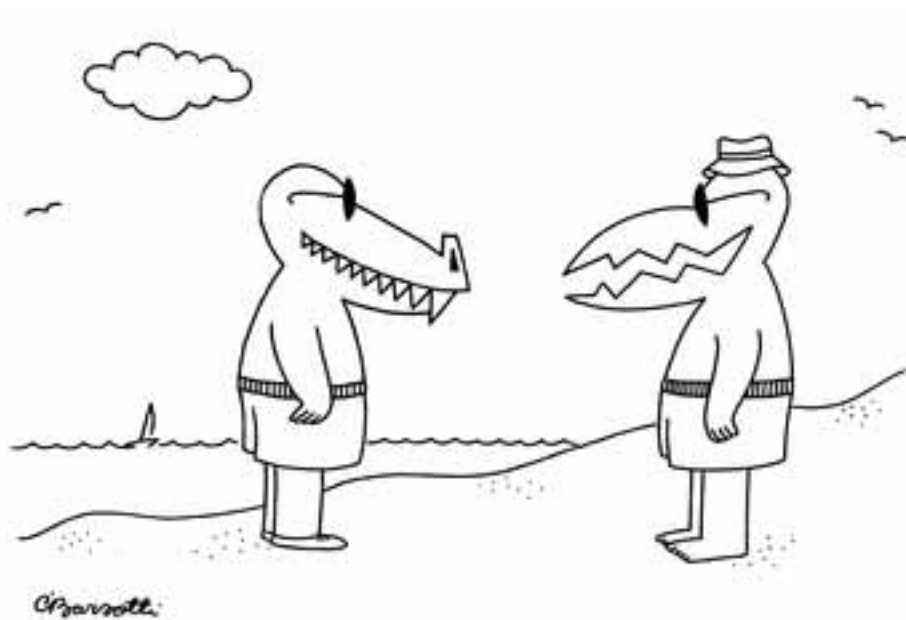


“No, no. It’s three thumps for call waiting and five thumps for call forwarding.”



"I'm allergic to the sun."

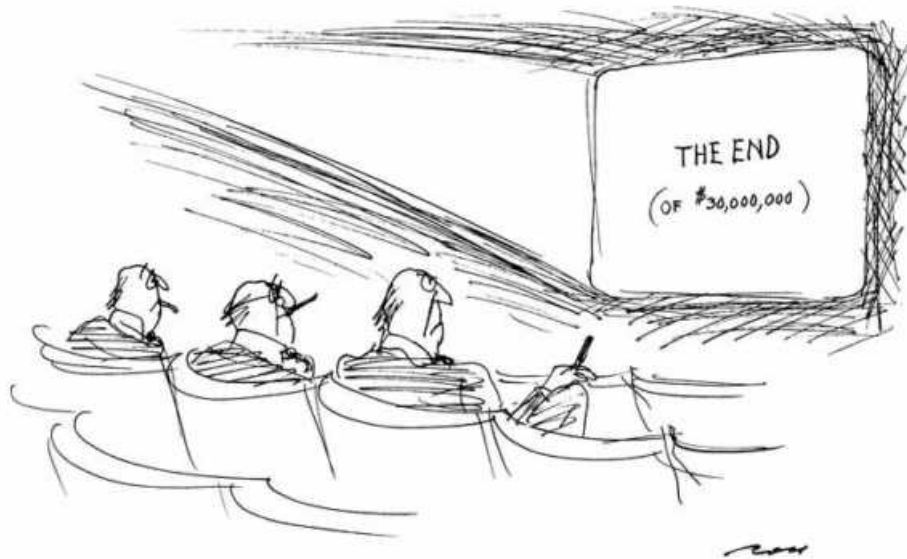




*"Me, too. A few days on the Cape and I'm
feeling almost human again."*



“And”—what do you know?—‘they all lived happily ever after.’”



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*"Now, what am I bid for this beautiful piece, which
comes with the original owner?"*

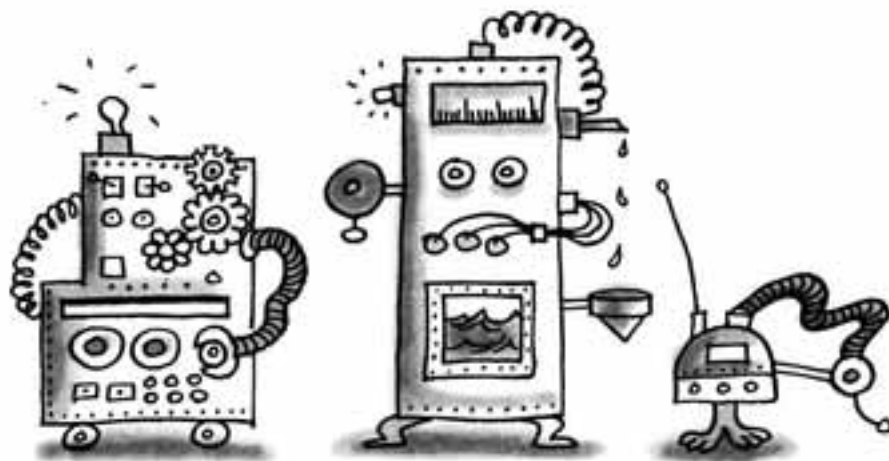


"Who's the grownup tonight?"



"Here come the pests."

THREE GISMOS



1.
WHATCHAMACALLIT

2.
THINGAMAJIG

3.
DOOHICKEY

H. Martin



*"This conversation's going nowhere if you keep
injecting the human factor."*

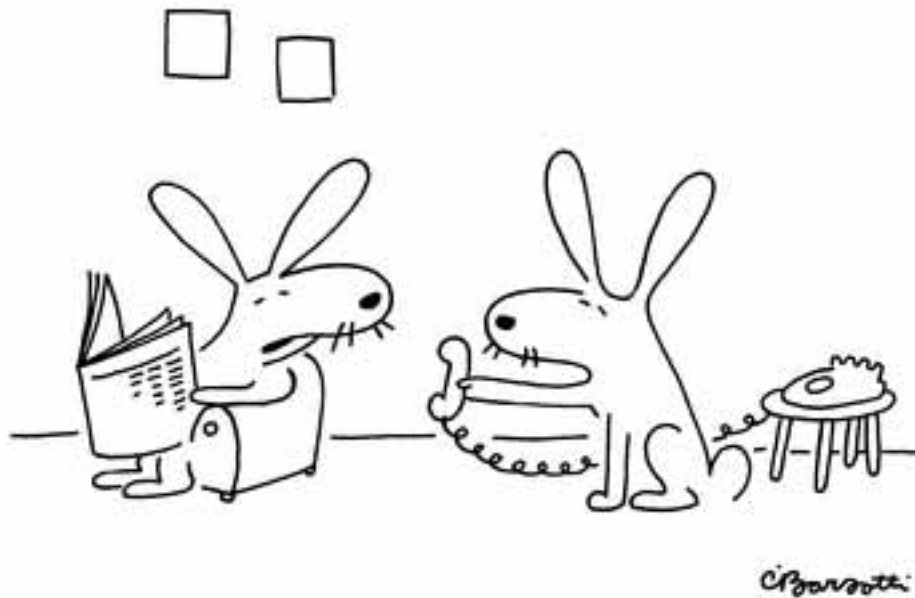




"All during the Stalin years, Alexei, your father managed, secretly, to keep Soviet tap dancing alive."







“Roger who?”

A DAY IN THE KITCHEN





"Shorter, but leave some of the fun."





"Notice anything different?"





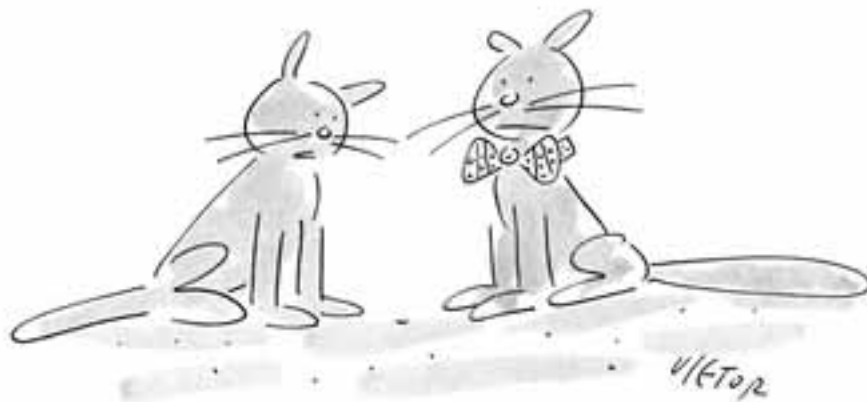
“Edwin says Cole Porter is overrated.”



“Congratulations! I understand you’re everybody’s favorite.”



"You've been very bad, so we're sending you back to New York."



"I'm sorry, but I think it's uncatlike."



“Well, dear, Im a woman, and I’m mad for George Bush!”



"You're lucky. Most people can't stand up to ermine."





“Portions of the following are extremely generous portions.”







"Are you in the mood for flak?"





"I suggest you speak with my husband—he makes all the deliveries."









Hanging Loose

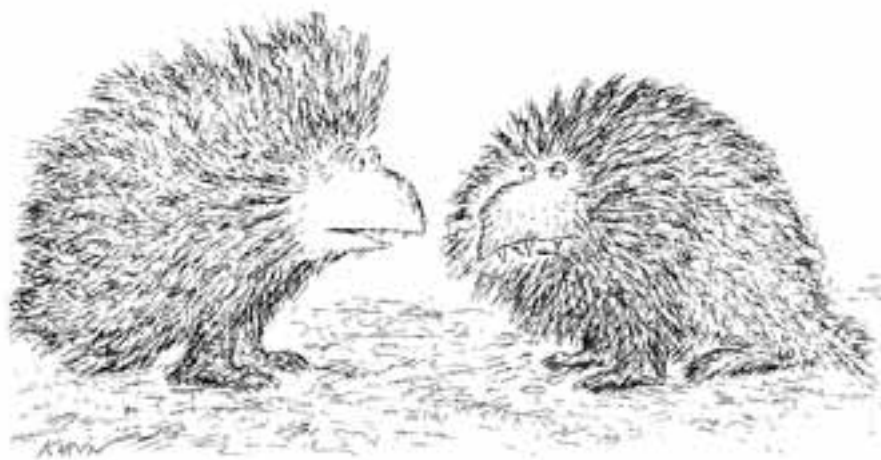
Hanging Tough

Just Hanging In There





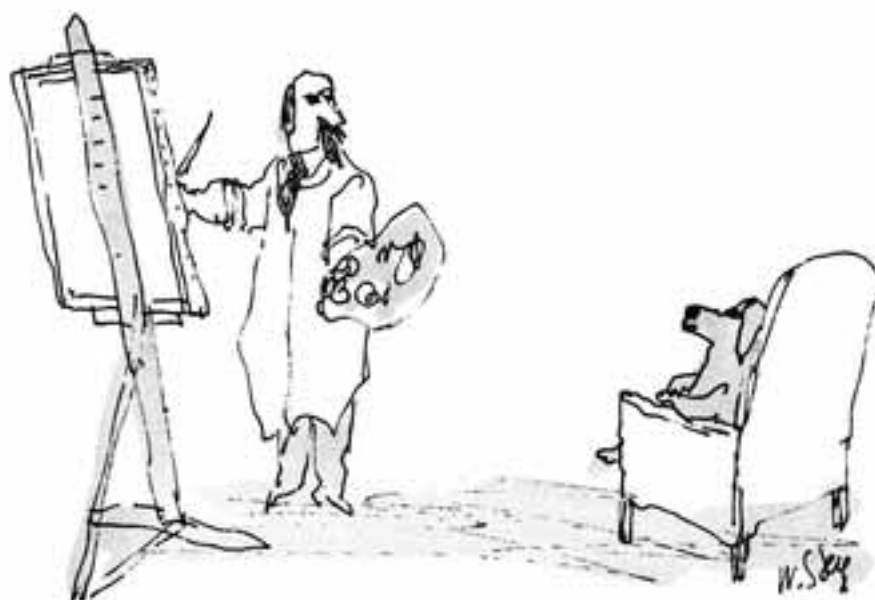
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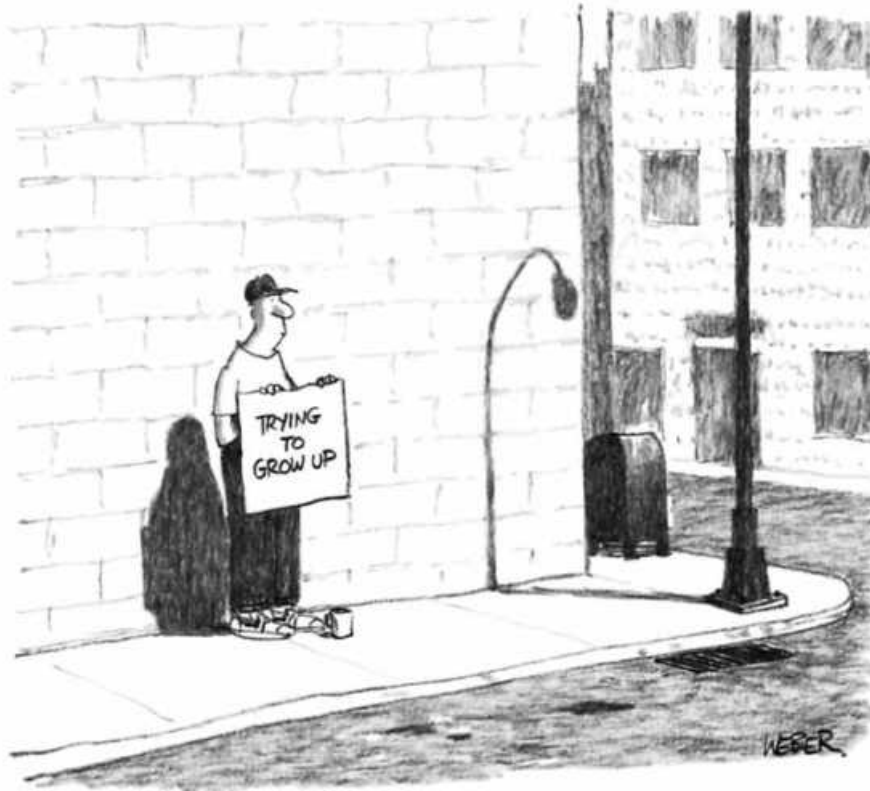


"I don't believe I'm having this conversation."



*"First, I'd like to say how nice all of you look
decked out in your Sunday best."*







“What a nightmare. I dreamt that gradually, imperceptibly, and inexorably the natural reservoirs of moisture in my skin were drying up.”





"No, Hoskins, you're not going to do it just because I'm telling you to do it. You're going to do it because you believe in it."



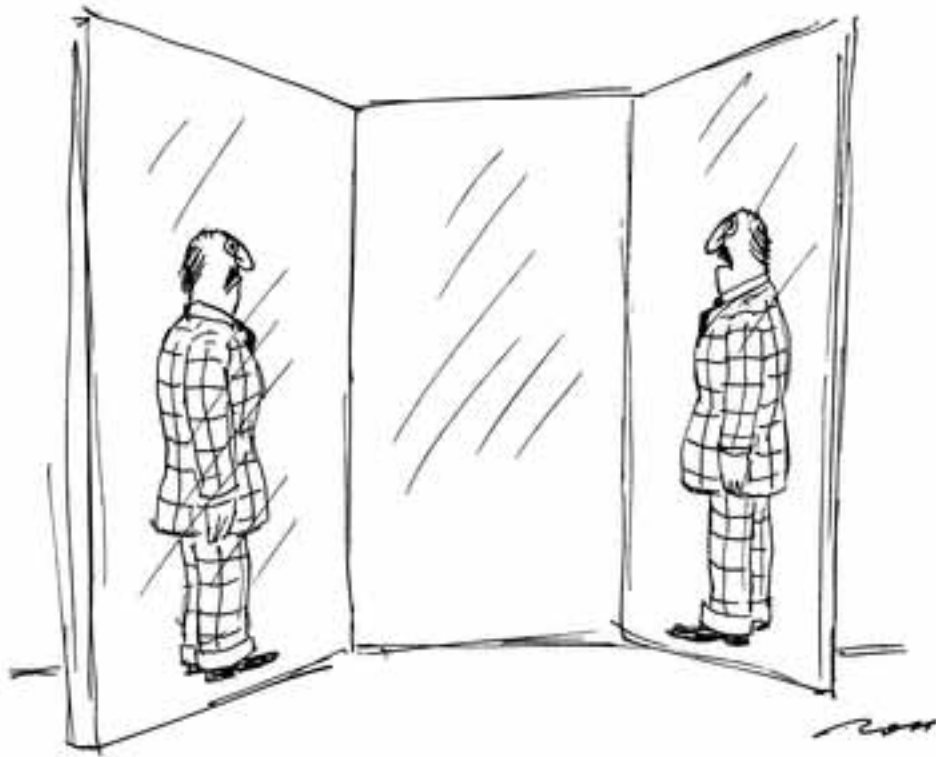
*"Dad, would you please go back to doing the parenting, so that
I can do some of the childing for a couple of minutes?"*



"No problem, B. J. I can talk and baste at the same time."

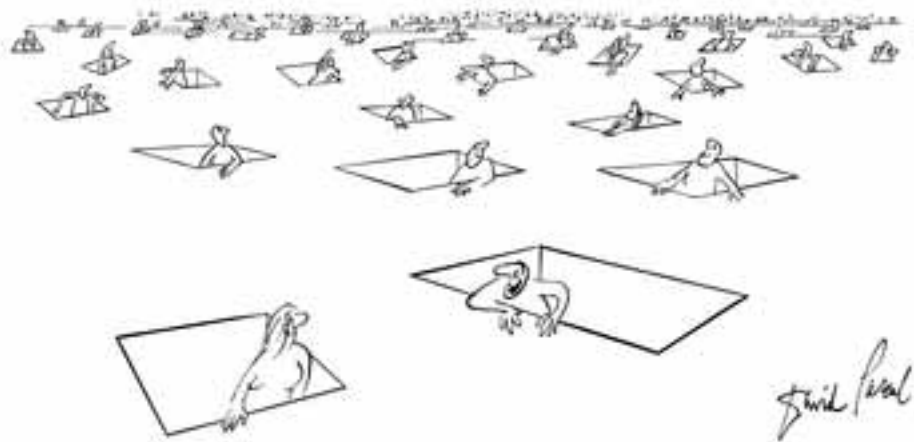


"The usual."



"So? Where is he?"





"Lovely weather. Everybody's out."

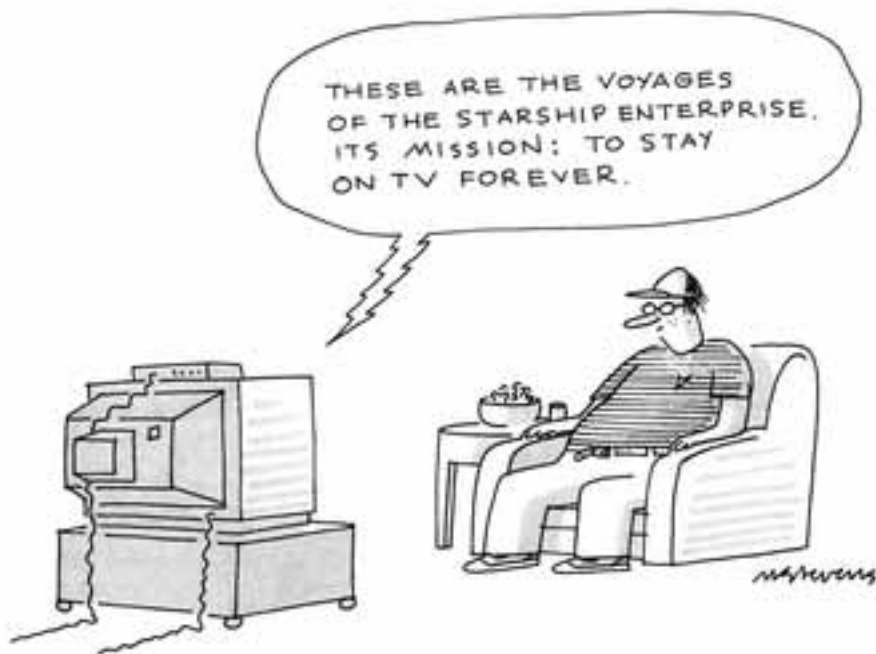


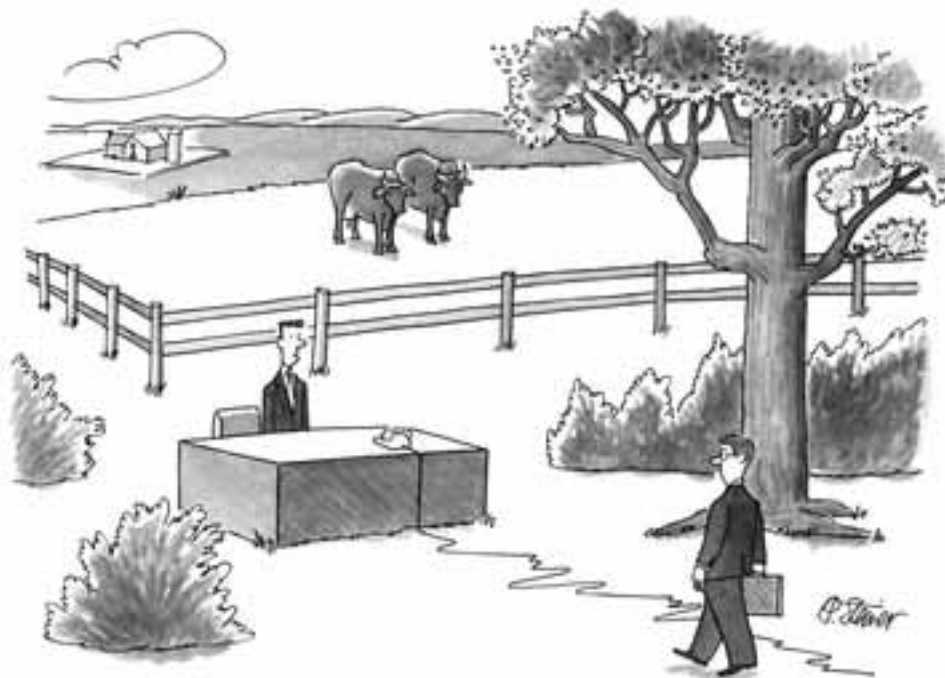


"Lights! Camera! Electability!"



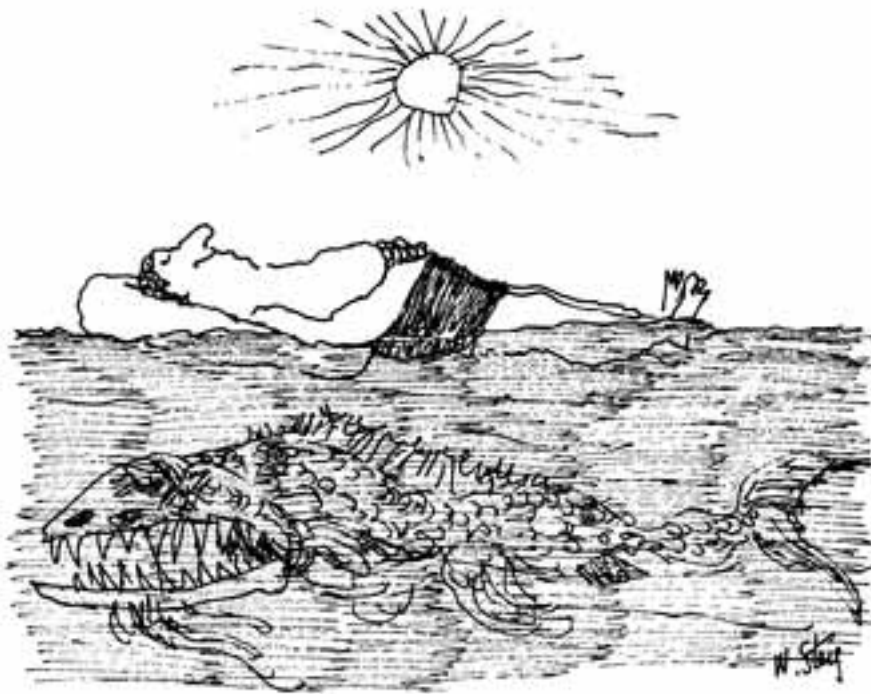
WHEN THE INVENTOR OF THE WHEEL MET THE INVENTOR OF THE DEAL





“Walter! What brings you out to the Ohio office?”





Complete Peace



Mortally Wounded at the Battle of Quebec, General James Wolfe Forgets His Last Words



"A possible eureka."



"It's quite a feather in your cap, Beavis. What's it for?"

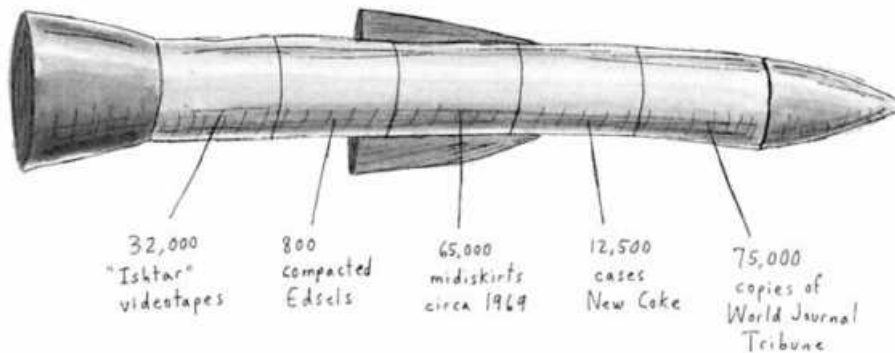


"Beyond the fine starting salary, the job of poet laureate at this corporation also carries with it an excellent medical and dental plan."

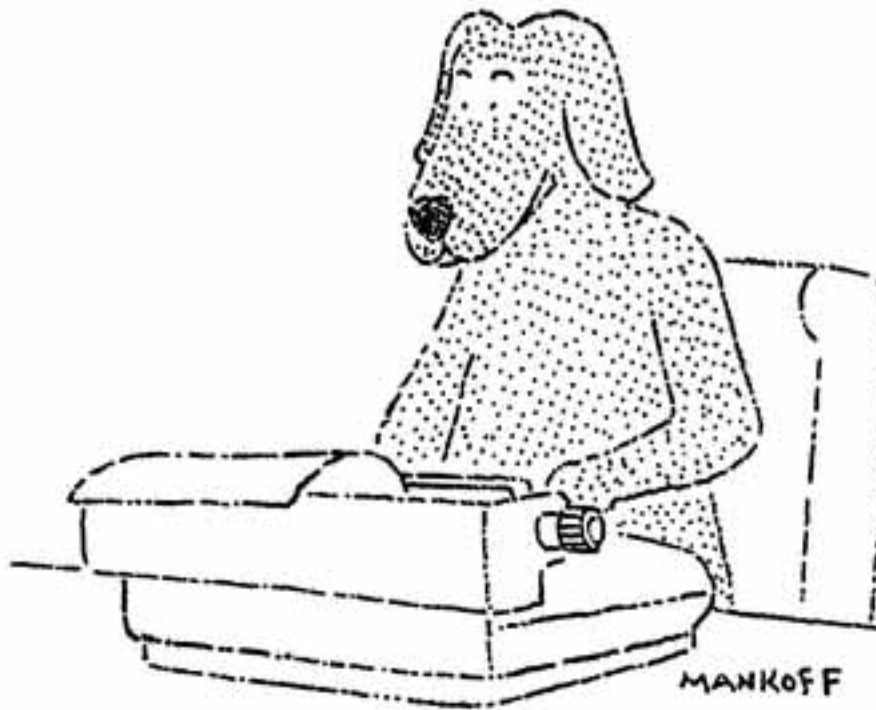


"Spanish ladies have nice eyes."

TOP-SECRET WEAPON #793-B



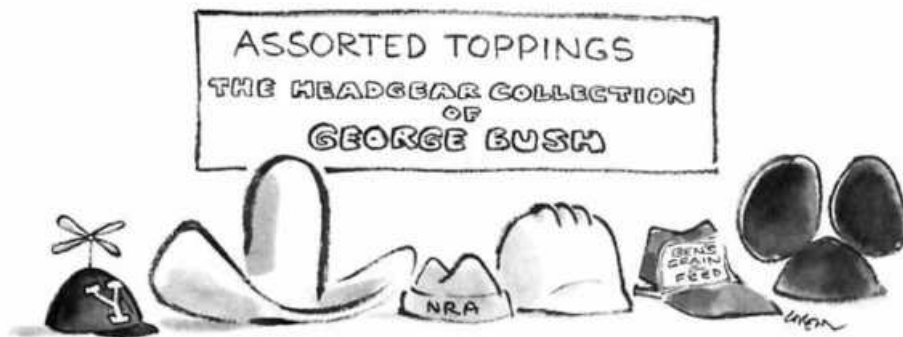
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"The quick brown dog jumps over the lazy fox."



*"How the hell come you always know exactly what
Harry Truman would have done?"*





Lottery



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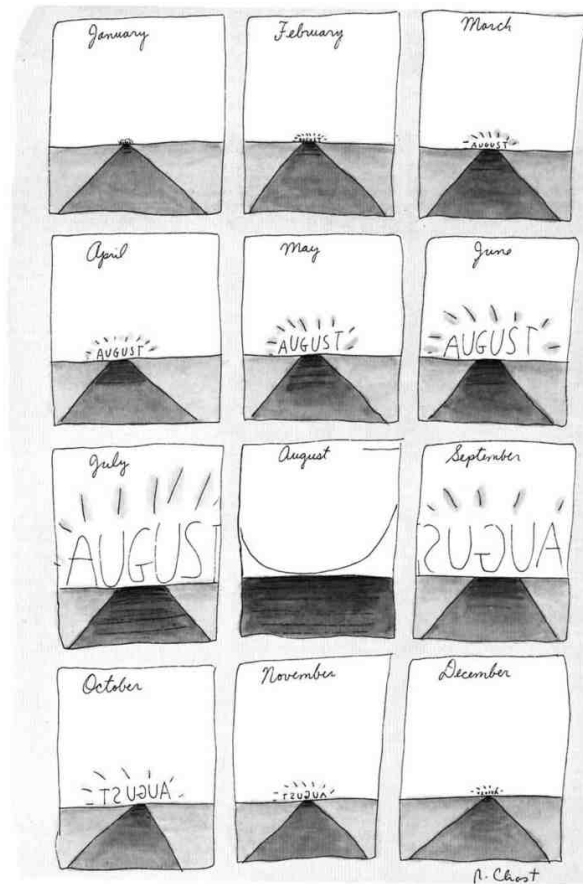
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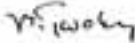
“You’re wise, but you lack tree smarts.”





"Seems to start earlier every year."





"Detective Grayson. Sleaze."



"In this city, Jack, you learn to respect the pedestrian."



"I enjoyed the sauna very much, and may I say this is the friendliest bank in my whole business experience?"



The Schwarzenegger String Quartet





"After we win the final takeover battle, what then?"



*"We're so glad you could come, and here's a copy
of all the recipes Emily used tonight."*



"Great weaponry."



“Screens out harmful ultraviolet rays, conditions skin, repels insects, won’t wash off while swimming, will not stain most fabrics. Warning: Contact with eyes, ears, nose, or mouth may be fatal.”

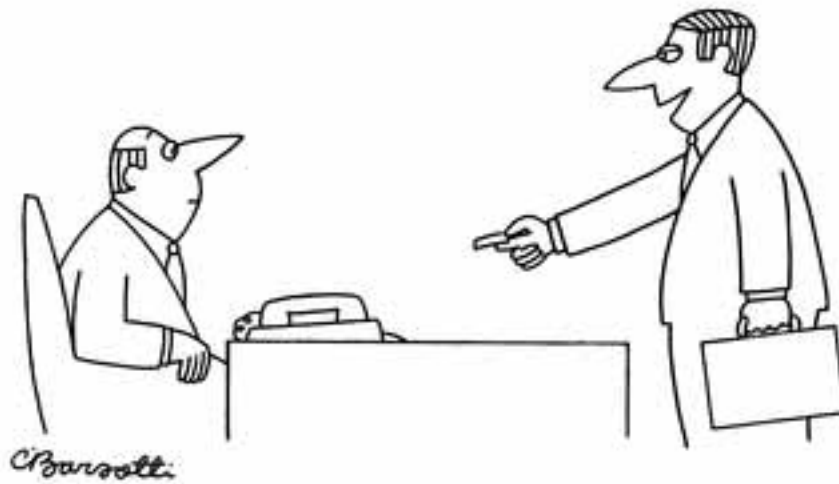




"Take a letter."



"I met Leo in San Francisco in 1967. He had flowers in his hair."



"At lunch today, sir, I got a fortune cookie that was obviously meant for you. Can you guess what it says?"



“But enough about my body. Let’s talk about your body.”

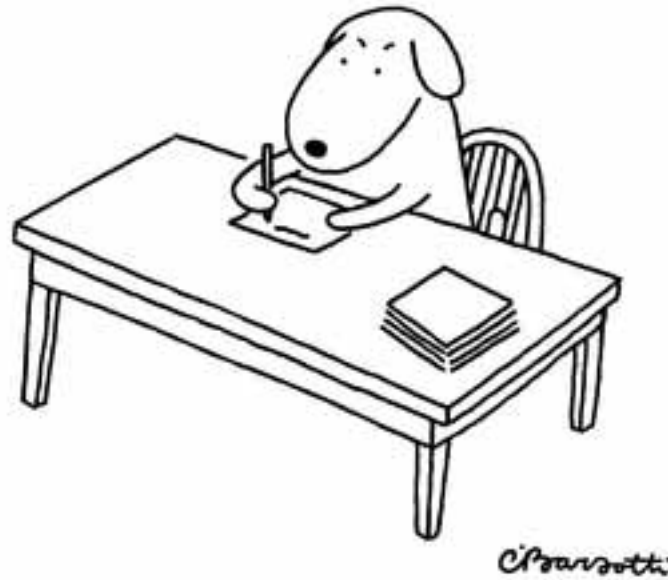


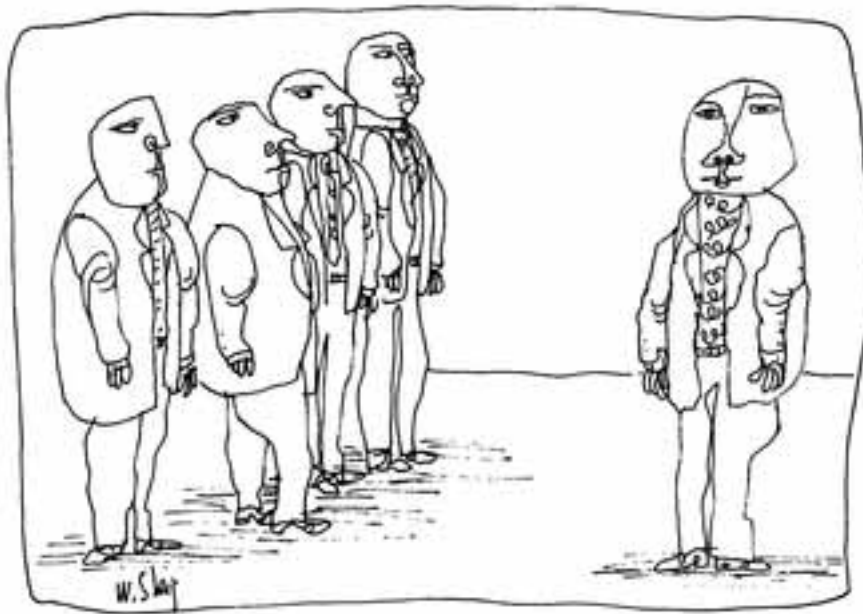
*"Come meet Avis Woodbury. She and Michael
Dukakis made eye contact."*



“Hey, how about those darn Mets? But seriously, folks—Liszt’s Sonata in B Minor.”

"Chapter One: Call me Scooter...."





Candidate for Membership



*“North face of Everest: howling winds, sub-zero cold,
insufficient oxygen, menswear.”*

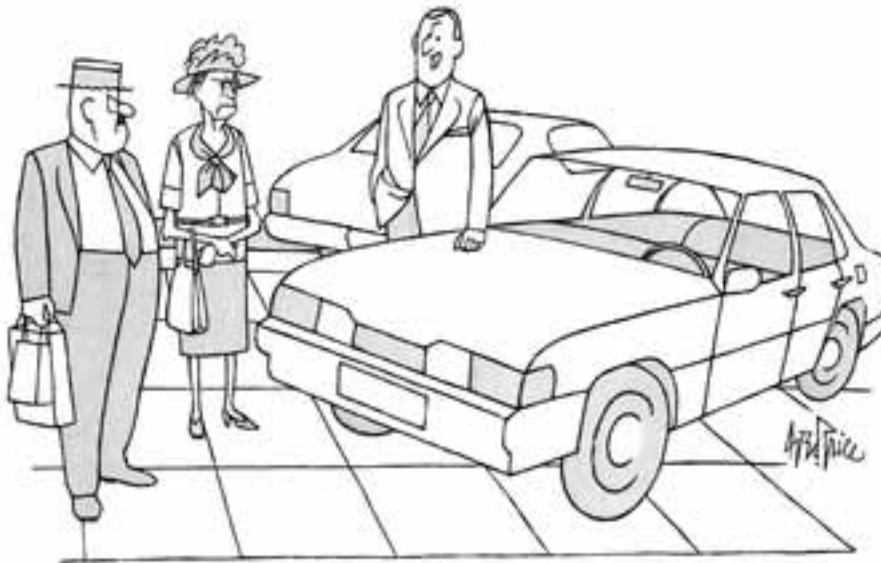


"Stick to the script, Larry."





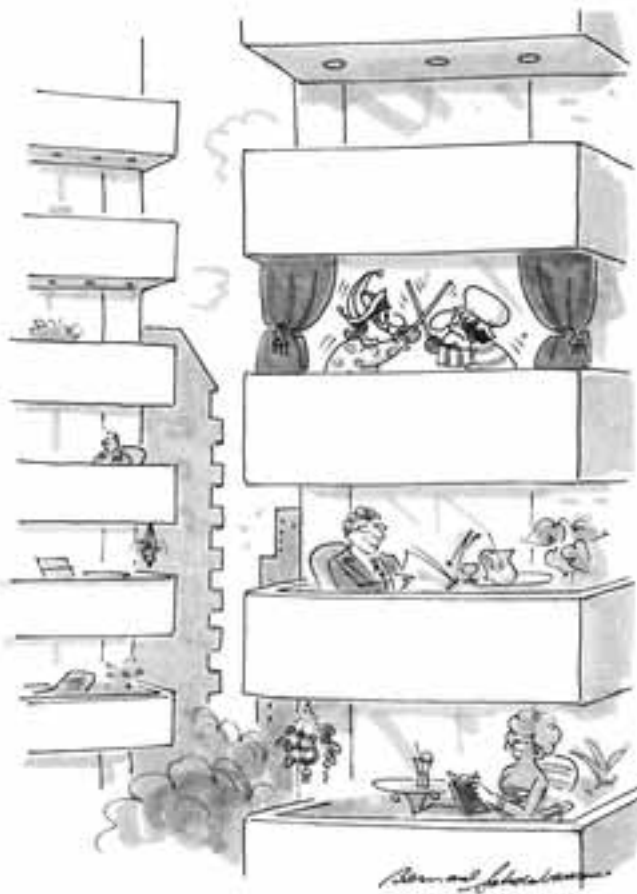
"Well, so far I'm managing to stay above the fray."



"Zero to sixty in seven point eight seconds."



“Me Tarzan, you Jane, who he?”







*"Of course they're clever. They have to be clever.
They haven't got any money."*



“O.K., O.K., here’s ‘Lassie, Come Home’ again! Now are you happy?”

SUSHI SPINOFFS



CHISHI
RAW CHICKEN



PASHI
UNCOOKED PASTA



GRASHI
GRASS & LEAVES
(IN SEASON)

S. Harris



“And, finally, to my wife, my love and appreciation for her understanding and critical insights, without this project would never have been accomplished.”





"I'm sorry, Neil. I underestimated you."



"It is further agreed by both parties that the bride shall retain her name and her Southern drawl."



*"I grow suspicious when every damned collision gets
attributed to pilot-fish error."*



"The question, Leon, is: What is man?"



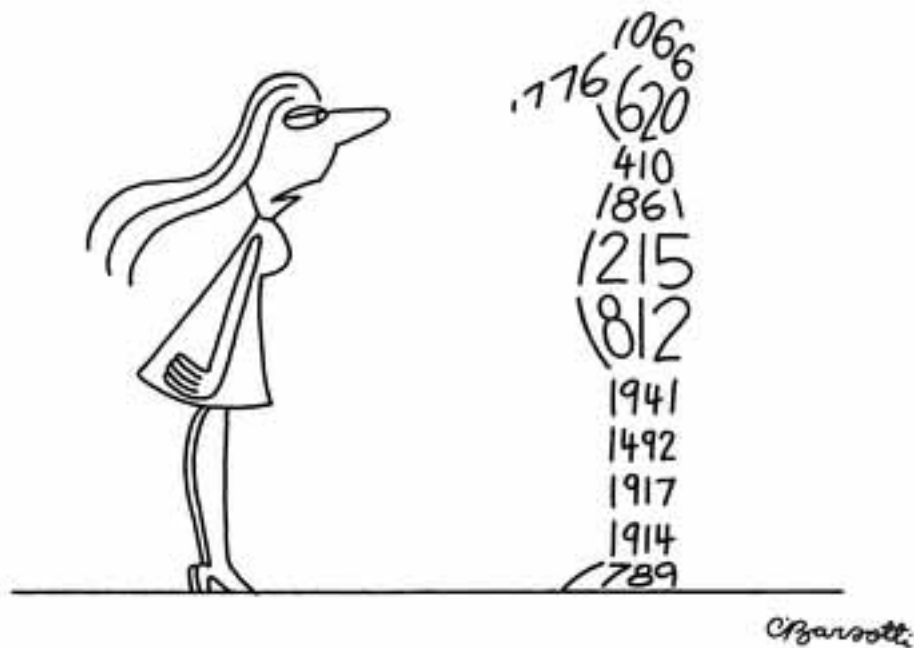
"Today I'm fifty—the old halfway point."





“And here goes the gun signalling the start of the season.”





"You're history, Leonard."





“Artists are difficult, Hetty, and leveraged-buyout artists are no exception.”



“Dear President Reagan: You know as well as I do . . .”



"Your Honor, I feel threatened by this gentleman's intensity."



*"I learned one thing from the experience. Never call
a witch doctor a clever illusionist."*



"Hadley? I just found out that the era of the tall, self-assured, dominant male is over. Take charge, will you?"





"I just love Paul Newman, and I love his products."



"You've taught me how to think."



"In response to numerous requests following last year's annual meeting, you will find ham-and-cheese Croissandwiches and Twinkies in your lunch boxes this year."



*"He's an original, all right. Why she didn't spot that
at the beginning I'll never know."*



“Oh, yeah, I meant to ask you—how’s it going for women?”



BRIG. GEN. MATT GANDHI
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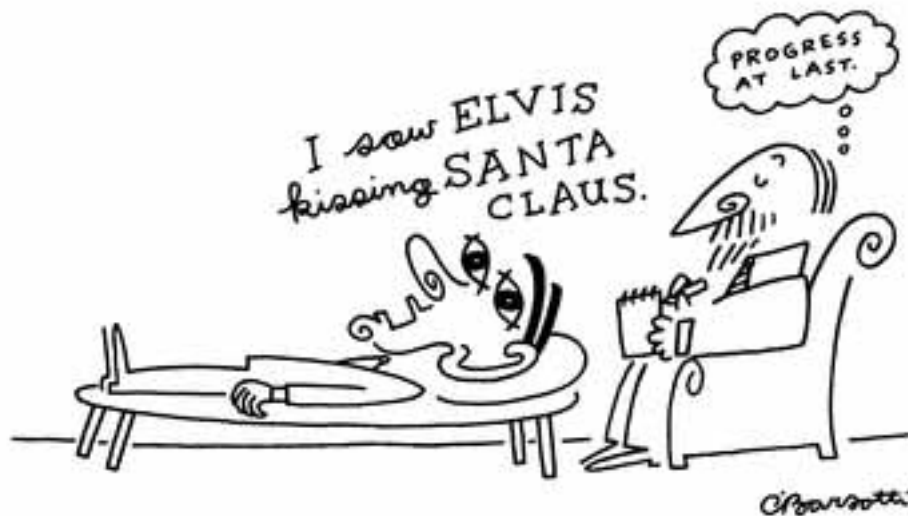


“Janet, we have to stop meeting like this. It has become a source of increasing friction in my marriage to Elizabeth.”



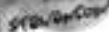


*“Once again I find myself in the rather awkward position
of having to ask one of you for a biscuit.”*





*"You'll get used to the rhythm of it after a while, kid.
You finish one, the 'Times' says it stinks, then you
move on and start another."*



"I keep thinking how much pleasanter New York would be without Ed, Donald, and George."

UPRISING (I OF 6)



The Slow-Food Eat-In at McDonald's

UPRISING (2 OF 6)



The Adolphe Menjou Parade

UPRISING (3 OF 6)



The Nice-Graffiti Contest

UPRISING (4 OF 6)



*The Mixed-Chorus Performance of “Star Dust”
on the Steps of Mohasset High School*

UPRISING (5 OF 6)



The Great Rock-Video Bonfire

UPRISING (6 OF 6)



The Memorial Reading from the Works of Fred Allen



"Is there room for me?"



*“And which regional cuisine would you be interested in this evening—
Northwestern, Southwestern, Southeastern, or Northeastern?”*



*"Well, this is a very impressive résumé, young man.
I think you're going to make a fine patient."*



"We should get out to the country more often."

TOP-ECHELON SHAKEUP: ZUBIN MEHTA TO CHRYSLER, LEE IACOCCA TO THE PHILHARMONIC



1988

THE TRUE STORY OF VANILLA PUDDING

Who invented it? Why,
Mrs. Mary Evans, of course!



Did you buy anything?



And what were the
circumstances, exactly?



By the way, where does Mrs. Galgarsh
come into this?



And then what happened?



Why do you call it "vanilla pudding"?

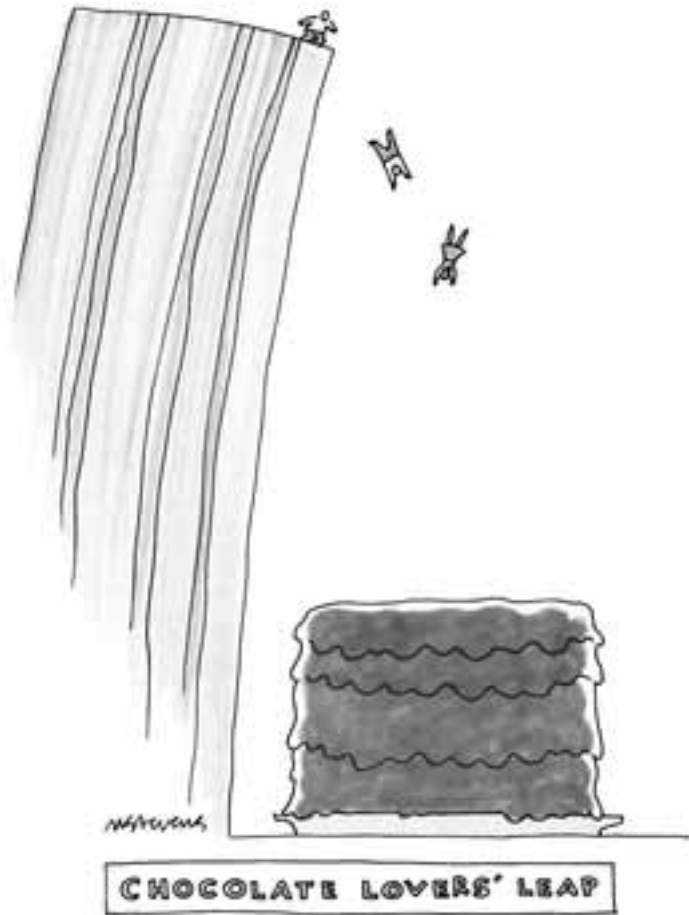


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“And what is your preference in wine—single or double figures?”





"It's O.K., Freddie. They're with me."



“Now go forth as an independent contractor, keeping a careful diary of your travel expenses.”





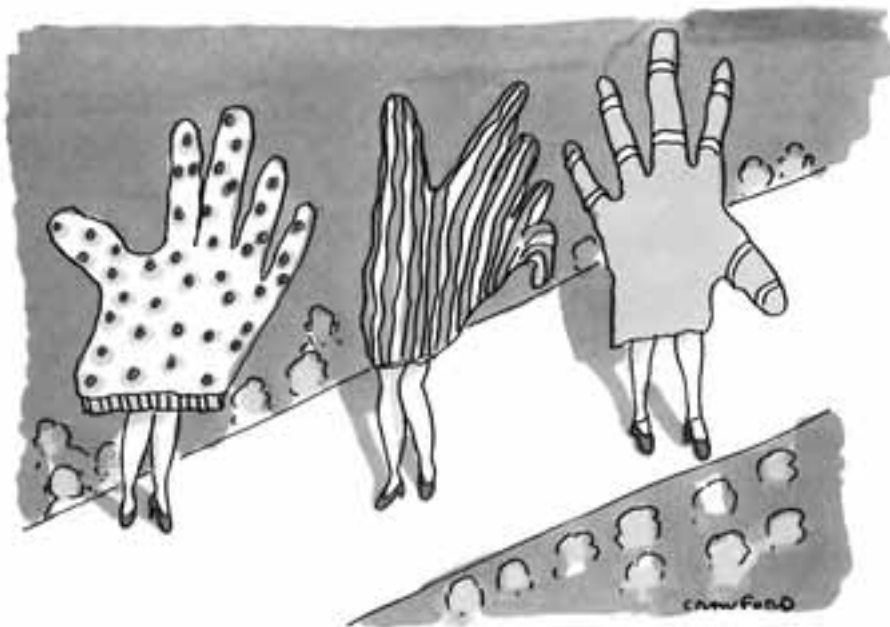
“What I Did on My Summer Vacation.”



*“Good news! She’s asking for her Banana Republic
and Williams-Sonoma catalogues.”*



*“When you quote a Presidential candidate, Gorman,
you do not—I repeat—do not roll your eyes.”*



MILAN SAYS "GLOVES!"



*"I'm a writer, but not, thank heavens, the kind who has
to write every day or he gets depressed."*







Now what?"



"The poor are getting poorer, but with the rich getting richer it all averages out in the long run."



THE SPHINX SPEAKS





"We decided to hang on to the old black-and-white set for watching colorized films."



Damon and Pythias



*“Malcolm W. Dunlap, violin repairs. Malcolm,
we are so pleased to see you.”*







"Mary Jo is a dyed-in-the-wool feminist. Me, too, of course."



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICIALS
WASHING ASHORE AT JONES BEACH





"The little square ones are egg and caviar. The little round ones are battery-operated watches from Hong Kong."



"Don't get cute with me."



"Let's swap some cats today."

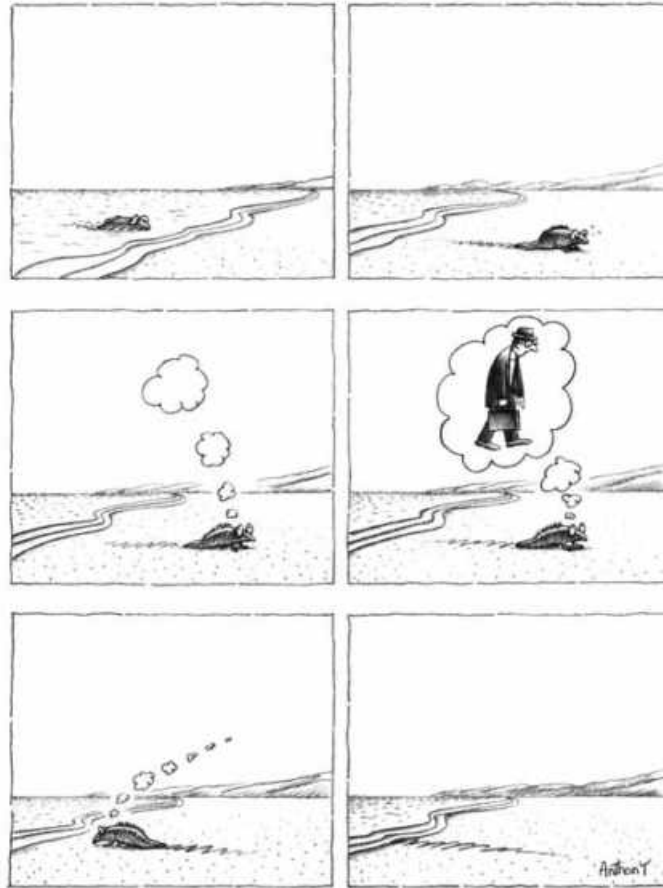


Barsotti

*"And I think I speak for an entire generation when I remind
my opponent that that was then and this is now."*



"I'm learning to capitalize on my faults."





*"Here as on a darkling plain swept with confused
alarms of struggle and flight, where ignorant
armies clash by night, Matthew Arnold, Fox
News, Channel Five."*



"I think, gentlemen, it's time to plan the annual picnic."



“By authority of the Queen, I name this spot One Columbus Plaza.”



*"I know I don't express myself well, Evelyn, but
please understand that I am sincerely yours."*



“Would the owner of the 1985 Ford station wagon, license plate METAL-1, please move your car so that the ice-cream truck can get through?”



*"Of course I want to grow as a person, but first
I want to grow as a banker."*



“Are we bucolic or just afraid to take risks?”



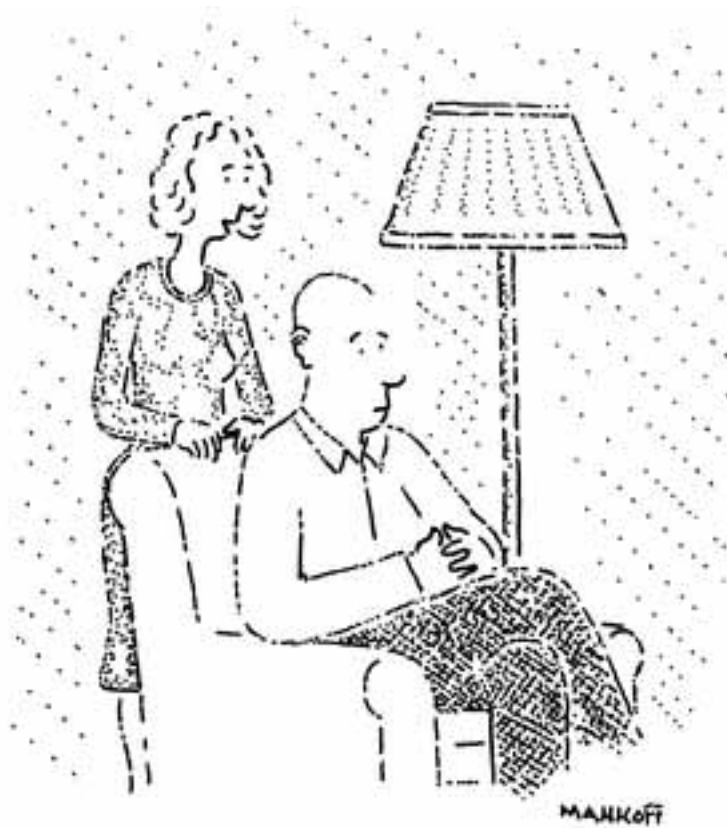
"I'm going to ask for a fork. Don't try to stop me."



"I've had a rough day, honey. Tell me everybody's name again."



“Thrilling news, sweetie! The National Gallery’s entire collection of Velázquez is now attributed to you.”



"Come on, dear, you're only as bald as you feel."



"Sorry to interrupt, Mr. Fowler, but you asked me to let you know when 'Dolores of the chorus' was on the party line."



"I believe you've met the Does."



"Objection sustained."



“Hey, baby—that doesn’t mean you!”

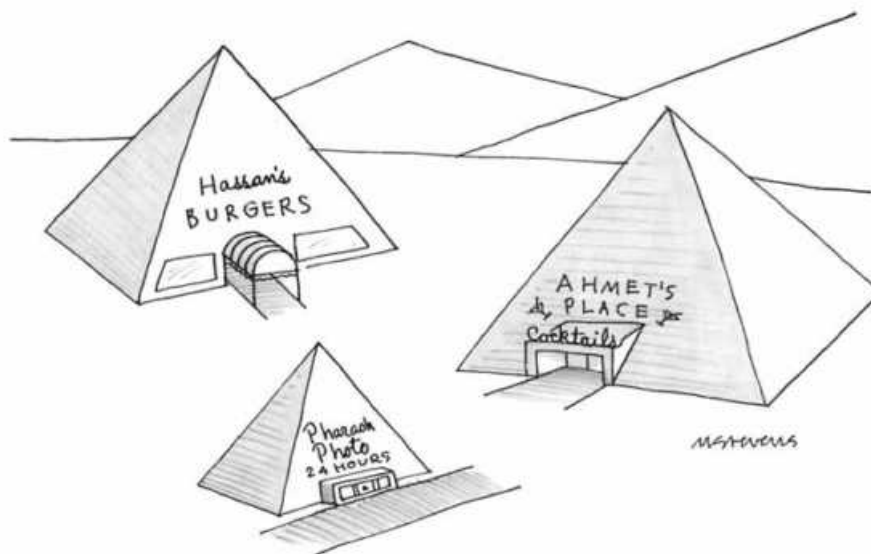


8:28: Charles stood up and strode into the kitchen. Everything was in readiness. He selected a fresh piece of stone-ground wholewheat bread and balanced it carelessly in his left hand. Behind him the electric wall clock hummed quietly. The peanut butter spread easily across the bread, Charles expertly turning the knife this way and that, guiding the creamy paste around the surface. The grape jelly proved more of a challenge, but he was equal to it. At precisely 8:30, he settled back into his chair, back into his reverie, back into the doubleheader.

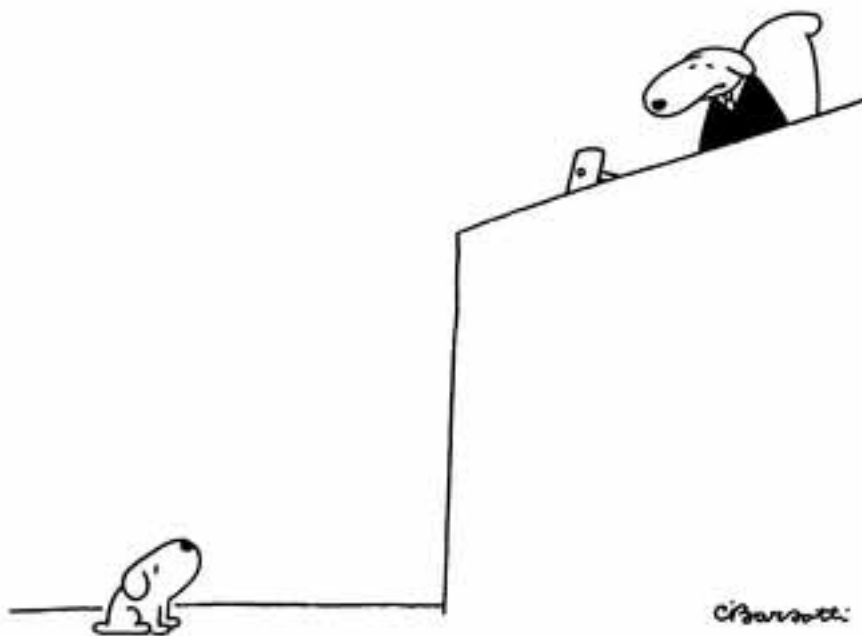


"The candy on the pillow is a nicety of the house."





The Lesser Pyramids

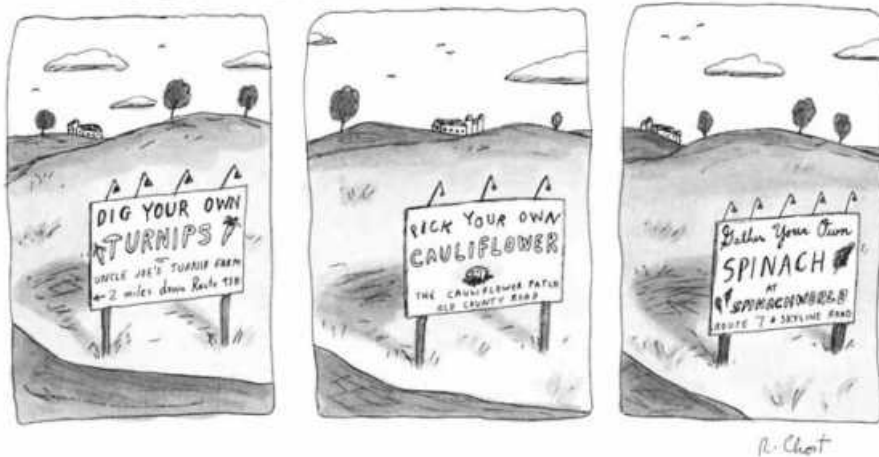


*"As unbelievable as it may seem to you today, this court
was once a puppy, too."*



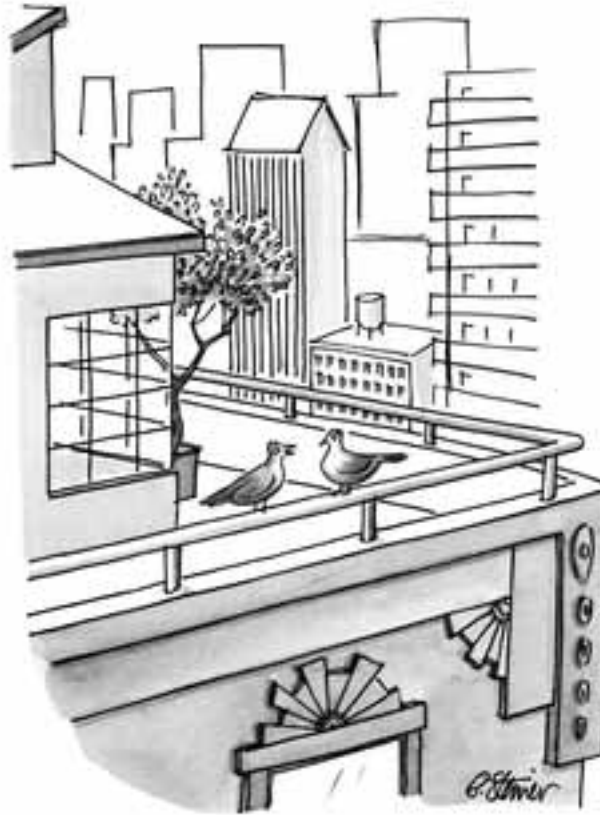
"We're still debating."

THE SCENIC ROUTE





"We're hoping for a really smooth wine here."



"Penthouse duplex, East Sixties, three bedrooms, two baths, solarium, sauna, two thousand square feet, terrace, bird feeder, two and a half million."



"That tie, Merrick. It's not your friend."



"It's true, Caesar. Rome is declining, but I expect it to pick up in the next quarter."



"Ready or not, here I come!"





*"You might be interested in our encounter group for
people with transmission problems."*



*"I told him it wouldn't kill him to try to be nice once
in a while, but I was wrong."*



"It's so-so."



"Come on, Barker, you've shown, now tell."



"Good evening, this is Georgi Avelov, your anchorcomrade."



That's what's the matter with kids today!"



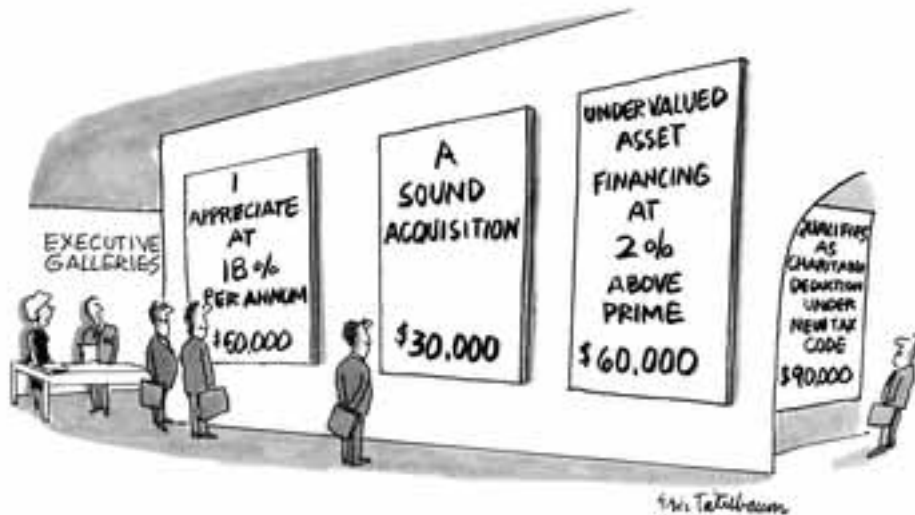
"Just say Steamboat Bluffs Oktoberfest, 1953. He'll know who it is."



"Sam, neither your father nor I consider your response appropriate."



“Do you enjoy being a Margarita?”



"It's hard to explain, but the artist's use of simple linear shapes creates a powerful message for the serious investor."



“And as the campaign heats up, the latest poll shows the Dan Rather news team running slightly ahead of the Peter Jennings news team, with the Tom Brokaw team just two points back and gaining.”

1988 THE TINY PHONE





*"It really shook me, I can tell you. I dreamed the
meek inherited the earth!"*





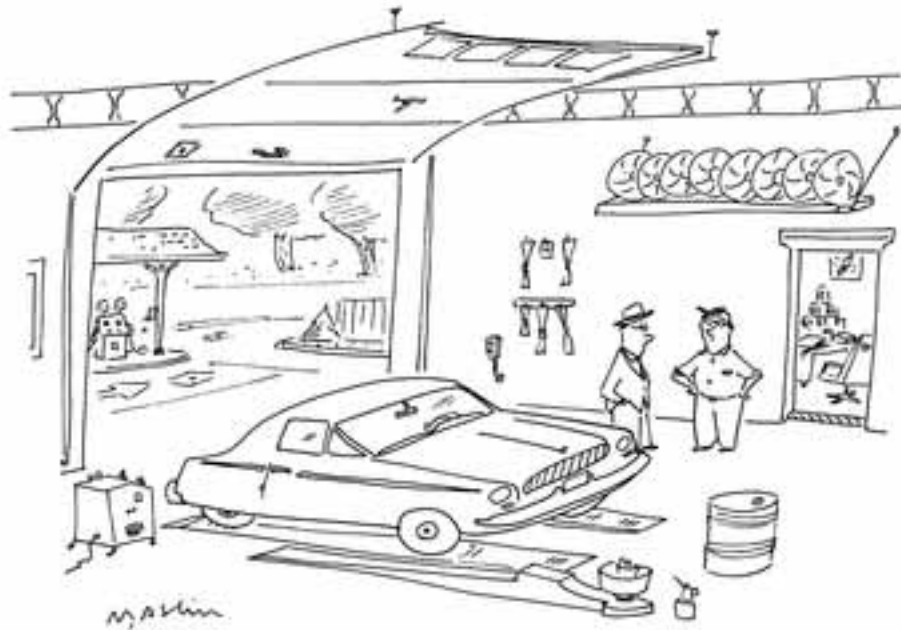


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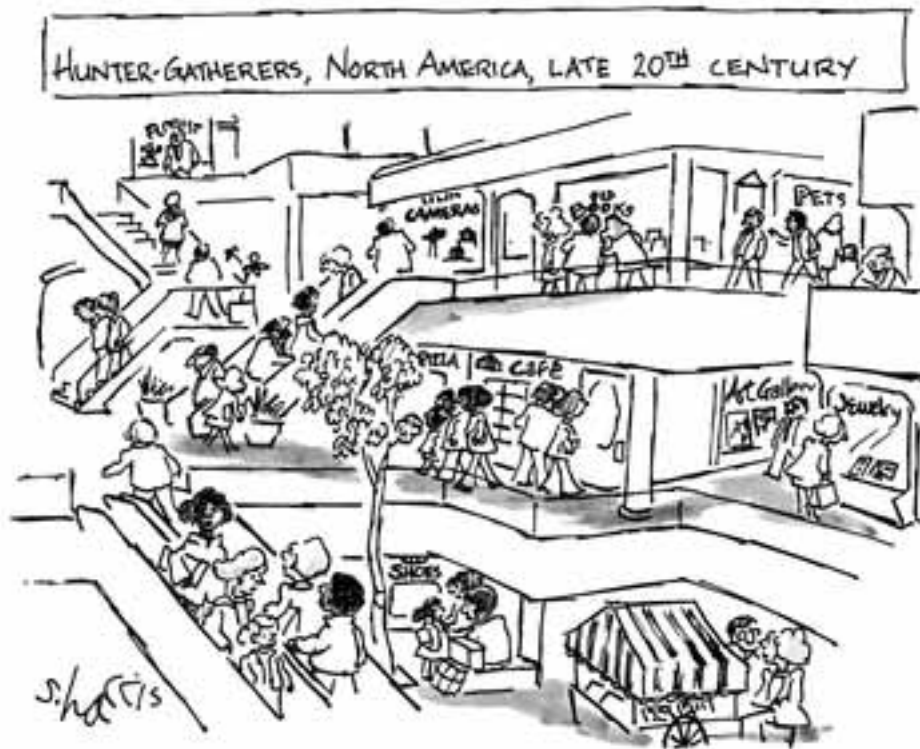


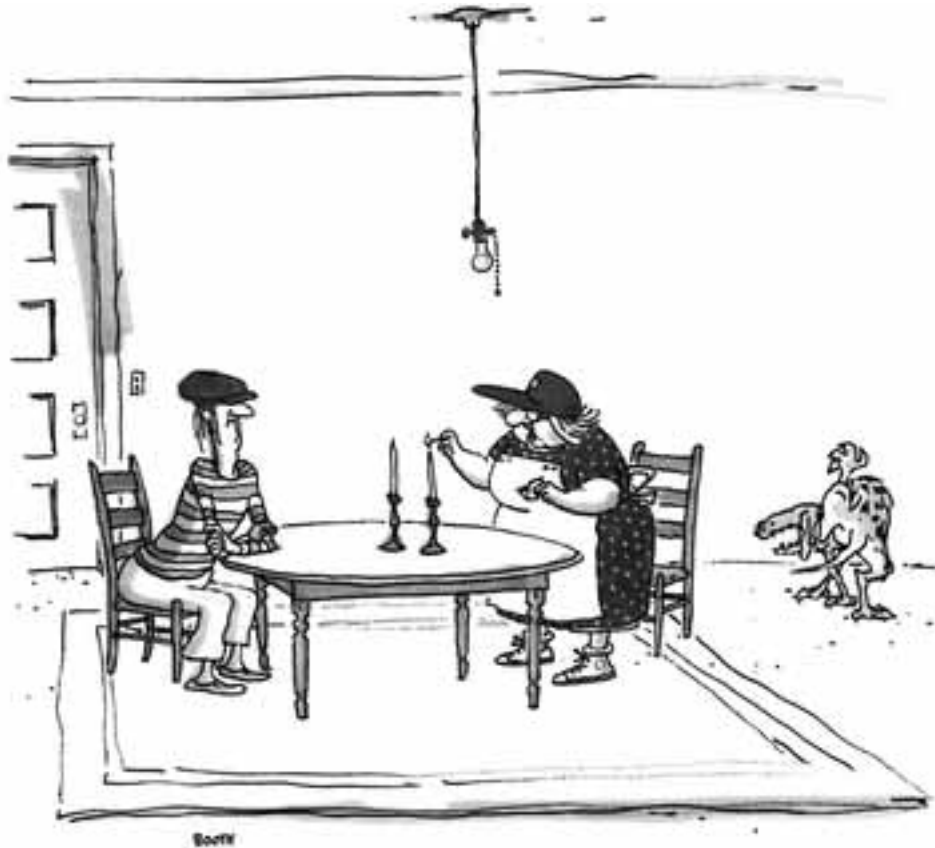


"I belonged to the Audubon Society."



"It was not its usual self this morning. It was unresponsive and sluggish. I put my hand on its hood and it felt very, very hot. That's when I decided to call you."





"This is a night for white wine."



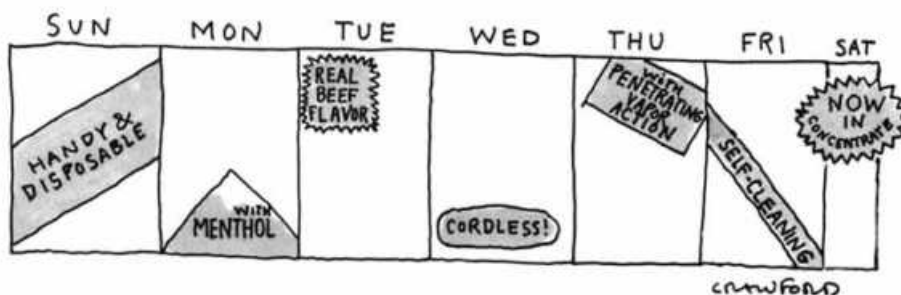
"The barbarians are at the gates, Mr. Rollins!"



Spelling Bee at Ridgefield Country Day School

THIS WEEK

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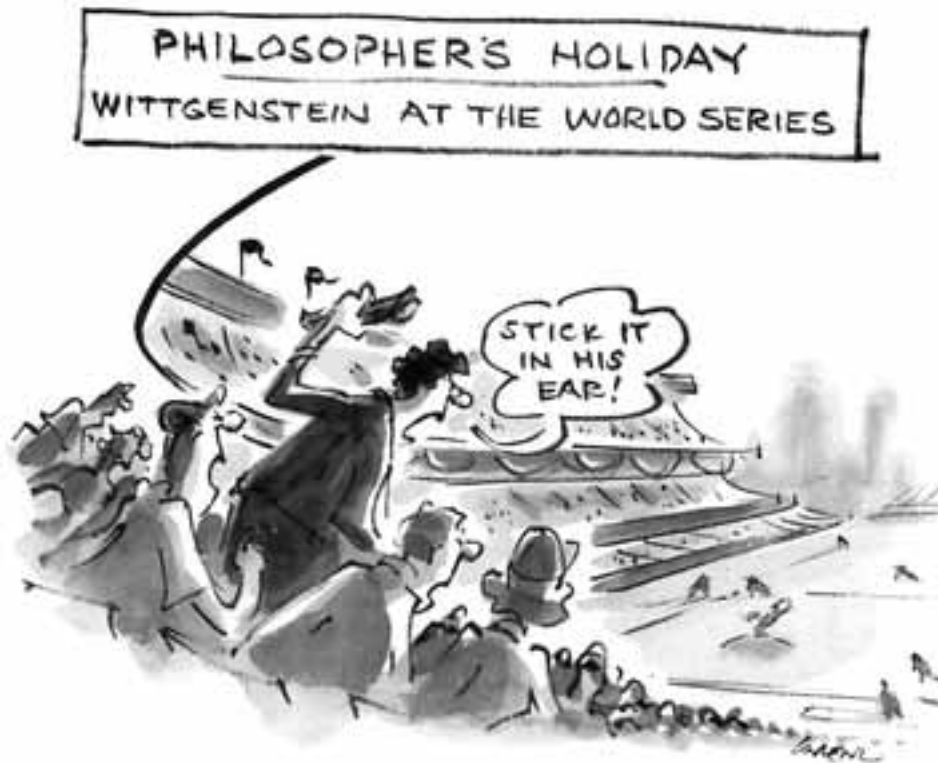
"I want to be, like, you know, spoooky, but, like, not totally evil."



"Do we have your blessing?"



“Oh, good. Here comes Daddy, to bring us to our senses.”





THE MAN IN THE STREET
(SUBJECT TO A SAMPLING ERROR OF PLUS OR
MINUS THREE PERCENTAGE POINTS)



*"I'm sorry, but you're going to have to hand over that cape.
Your test came back positive for anabolic steroids."*



“Yes, a hole in space three hundred million light-years across does make me pause and feel tiny and insignificant, but a glance around at my peers usually restores my equanimity.”

The Potato Man







*“And now, before we adjourn, Ms. Hunnicutt will
announce the meeting’s M.V.P.”*



"Bill, would you mind if I called you Waiter?"







“Sarah’s grades are excellent. She got A+ in ‘Yogi Berra: Philosopher or Fall Guy?,’ A in ‘Dollars and Scents: An Analysis of Post-Vietnam Perfume Advertising,’ A– in ‘The Final Four as Last Judgment: The N.C.A.A. Tournament from a Religious Perspective,’ and A in ‘The American Garage Sale: Its Origins, Cultural Implications, and Future.’”



"Thank you for the rewind, Miss Cooper. Now let us fast-forward to that fateful moment in February and hit the pause button."





*"It must have been moonglow way up in the blue. It must
have been moonglow that led me straight to you."*



“You’re not one of those guys who are afraid of intimacy, are you?”



"We're running a bit short of time tonight, so let's skip the questions and go right to the answers."





"Right now I'm mostly in cash."



"Please! Not today!"

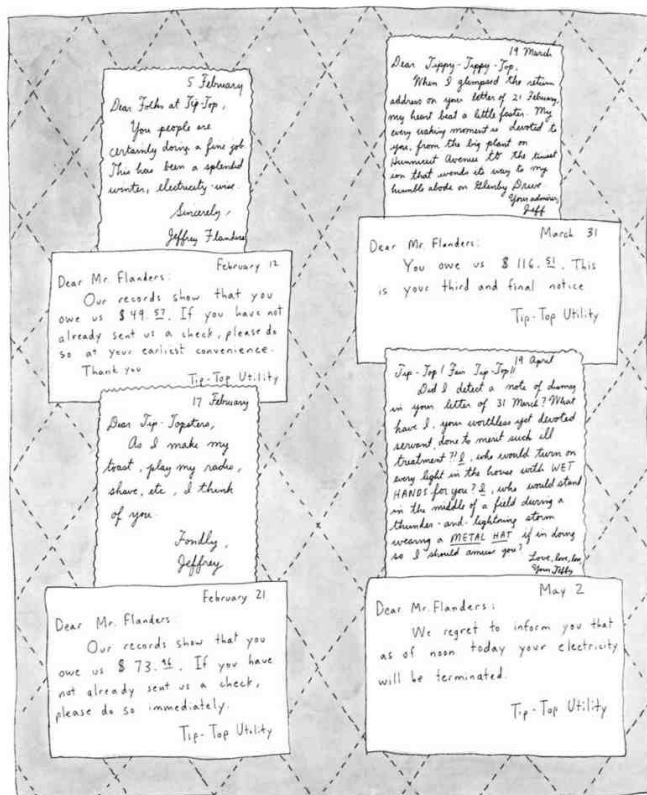


"Should anyone inquire, Harrington, our portions are generous, not liberal."



*"I don't suppose you remembered the tax-deduction forms
that I asked you to bring last year, did you?"*

FROM "THE LETTERS OF JEFFREY FLANDERS AND TIP-TOP UTILITY"



R. Chast



“Are you planning a long marriage following the ceremony?”



*“Paul Harrison, Colorado v. Harrison, meet
Joe McFarland, Illinois v. McFarland.”*



"Since, as you say, Geoffrey, you're only passing this way once, it seems a shame to be such a pompous ass."

DAN'L BOONE, INSTEAD OF OPENING UP THE WEST,
PIONEERS THE LEISURE INDUSTRY





*"Good Lord, Tracy. When Daddy says we're dead broke,
he doesn't mean we're poor."*



"No decision. They're still sleeping on it."



*"Your Majesty, a messenger has just arrived from
Hong Kong. Your suit is ready."*



"Housing is sluggish again."



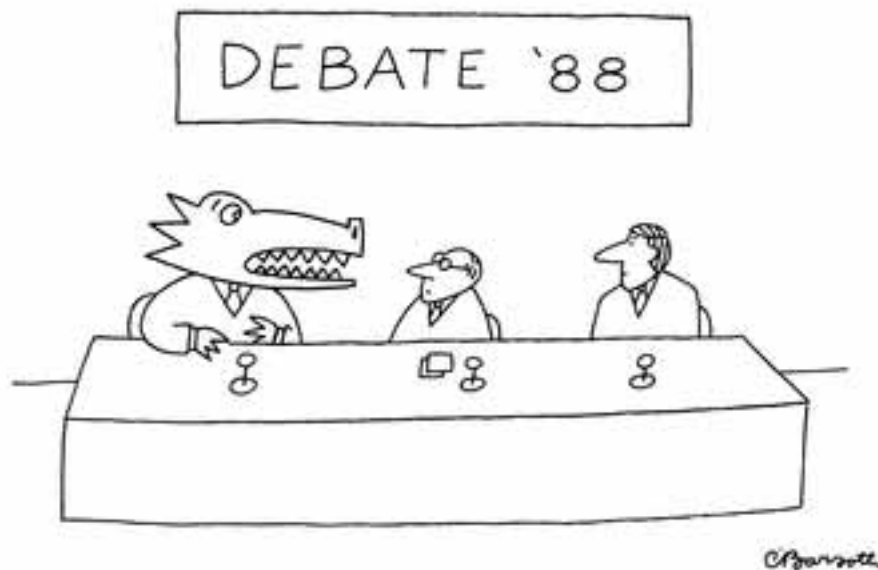
"I feel very lucky to have been born in Westchester."



*“George Bush says he will not raise taxes. That’s all I know.
That’s all you need to know.”*

HALLOWEEN IN THE TROPICS

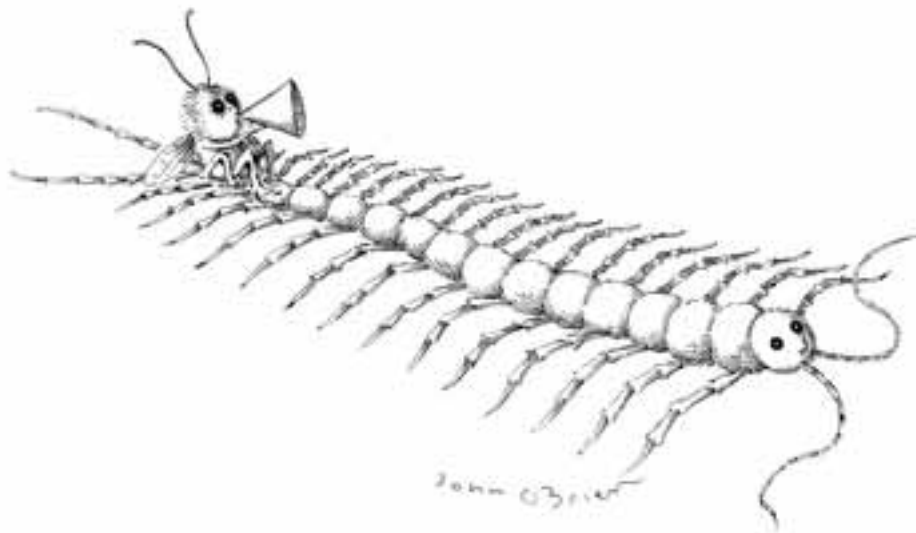




"A mean streak—moi?"



"Surprise! High-fibre ice cream!"





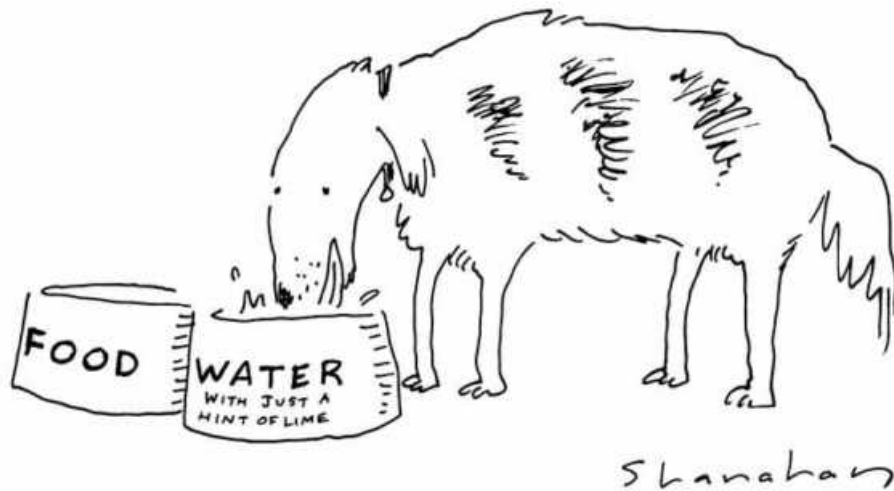
"In twenty-five expletives or less, what sort of day did you have?"



*“So good luck, Godspeed, and any problems just
call this 800 number day or night.”*



“Excuse me, folks—could I see your tickets?”

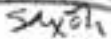






“Forget living well. The best revenge is revenge.”

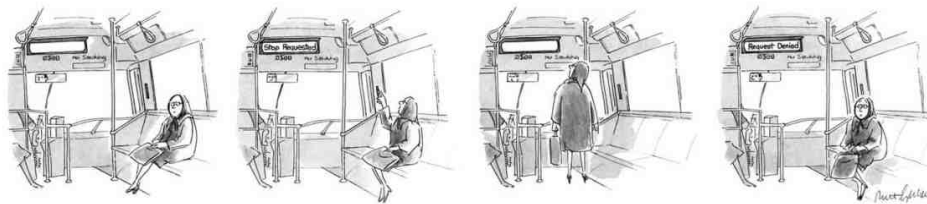




*"I prefer not to be called a writer, Miss Malpedusa.
I am a teller of tales."*



"We use the cheapest ingredients and pass the savings on to you."

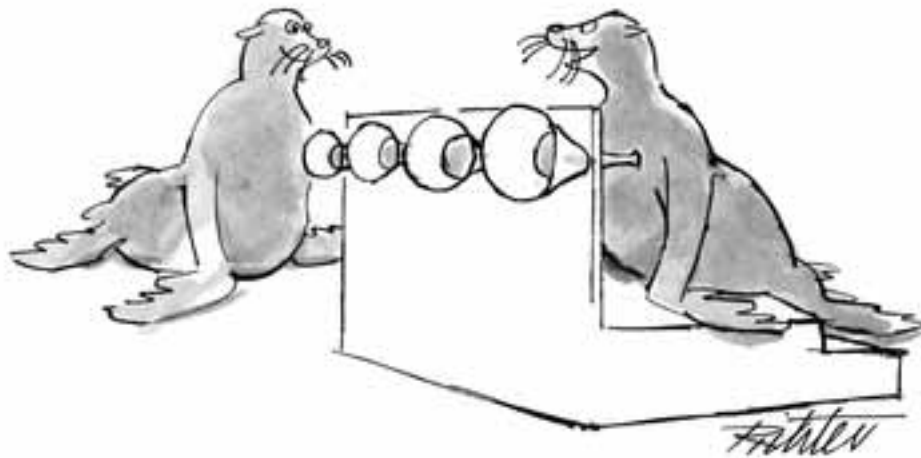




*“This past summer, I got deeply depressed about our planet—
as if I didn’t have enough problems of my own.”*



Star running-back “Zigzag” Johnson, his lawyer, and his agent score from the 27-yard line.



"I like a Gershwin tune. How about you?"



"In an unrelated development, yellow ties came in, briefly held sway, and just as mysteriously disappeared."



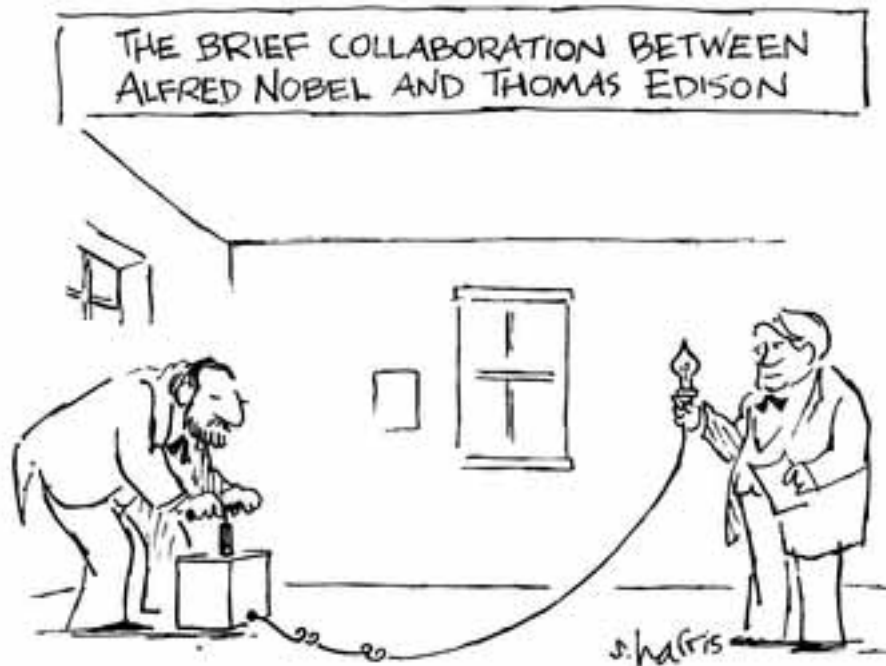


ENTRANCE EXAM FOR THE
MILDRED SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

CAUSE	EFFECT
1. 	A. 
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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK

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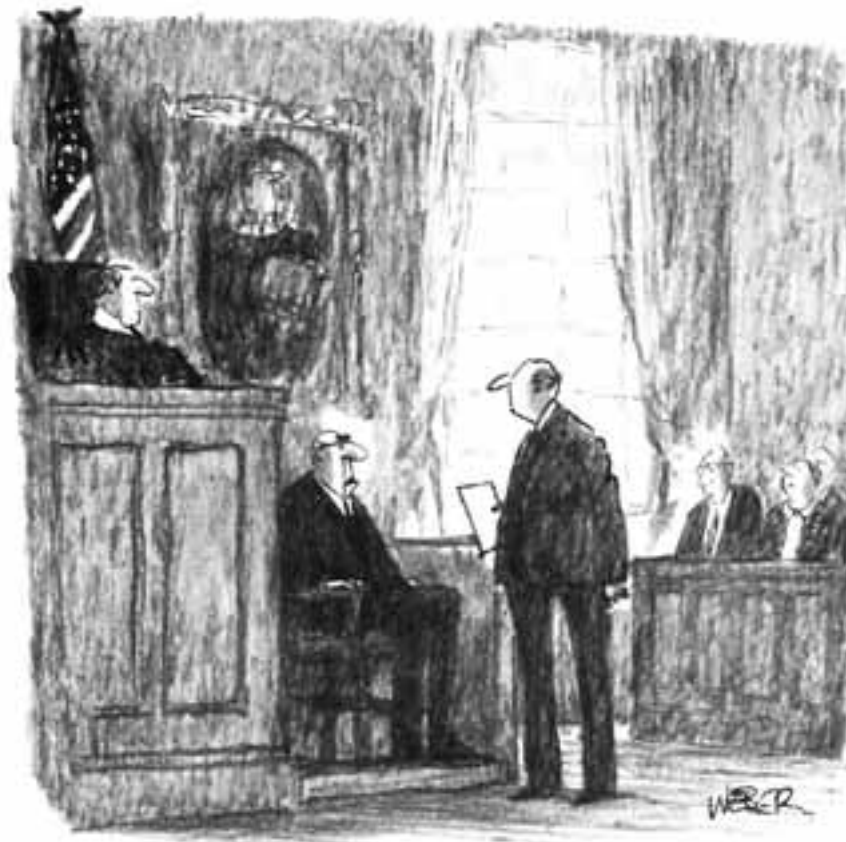




"Italy just bought France."



*Man in the Autumn of Life Recalling Old Love Affairs (Cap by
Armano, Sweater by Loch Narrin, Slacks and Jacket by Paolo Loran)*



*"As a matter of fact, I have read the Constitution,
and, frankly, I don't get it."*



"Then it's official. The Hell no's have it."





"I think I'll wait for the next elevator."





"I'm sorry, your grapefruit subscription ran out and I forgot to renew it."





"I knew you were having an affair with your car!"



“Changing lead into gold. Why do you ask?”



"Ah, Monsieur has made a very expensive choice!"



"They're two of a kind."





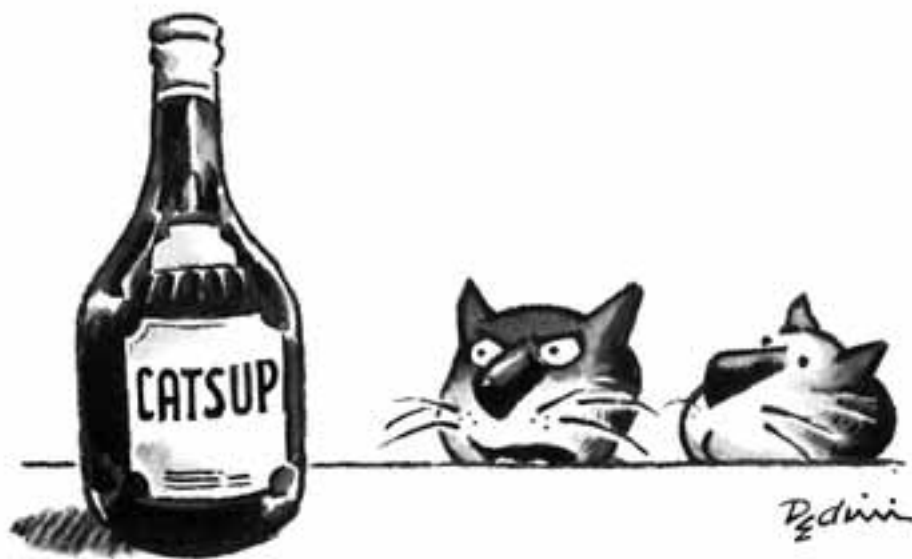
“Sounds like you should wander out of the dark forest of Myra and into the bright sunshine of Fran.”



MY HOLDINGS SO FAR



"He'd rest a lot better with thirty per cent off."



"Makes you wonder, doesn't it?"



*"I wish you'd stop referring to our marriage as
'being in the same boat'!"*



"I don't know. He seems to be some kind of throw-ahead."



"Police, Ma'am."



*"Mrs. Hammond! I'd know you anywhere from
little Billy's portrait of you."*





*"We appreciate your making the effort to attend this
breakfast meeting, Mr. Kadow."*

THE SPENCER BROTHERS:
HEAVY WOOD ^{OR} LIGHT METAL?





“Mr. Browley was in Vietnam, too, albeit on business.”



“Before you get comfortable, hon—Bette Davis is twins in this one.”





"Surely not guilty. Next case."



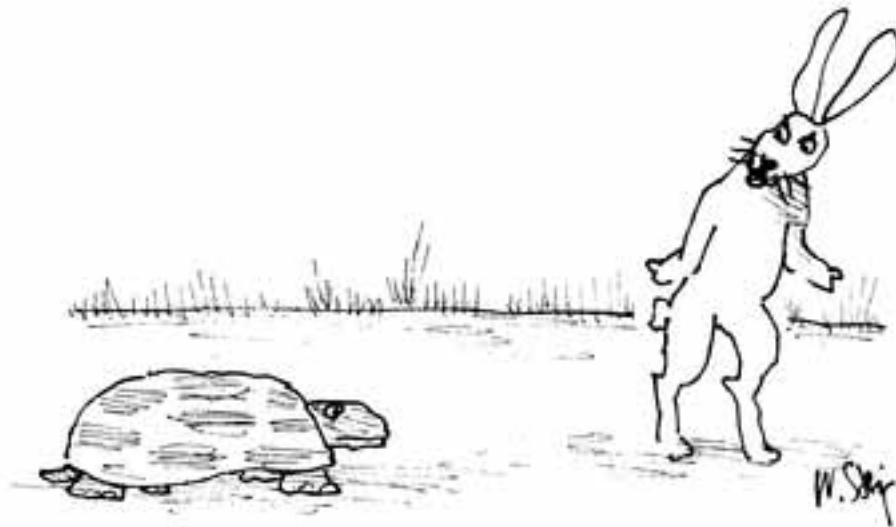


"If peasant bread is five dollars, dare I ask about dinner rolls?"



*Herman Melville Wonders If His Agent Has
Oversold Spinoffs from "Moby Dick"*

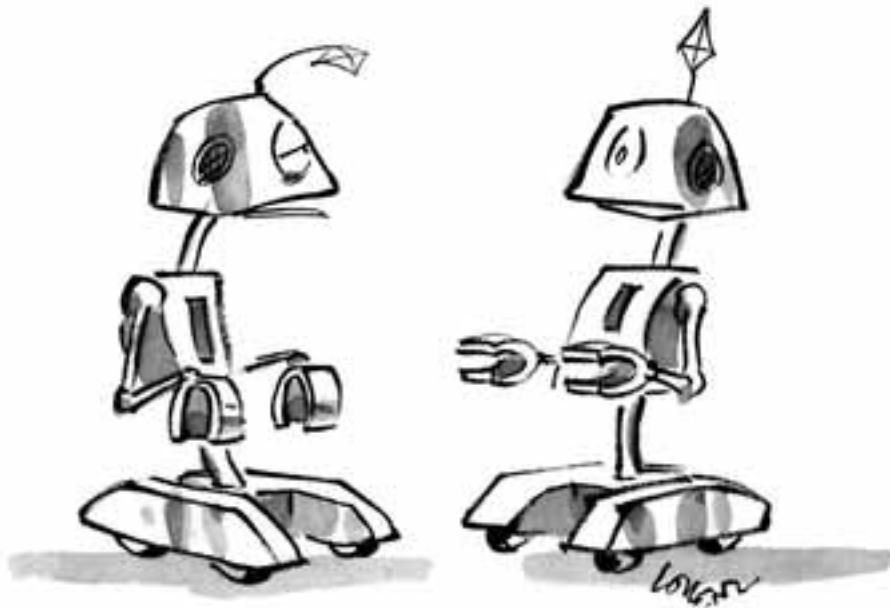




"You're letting me win!"



"This is Chet—friend, confidant, dog."



*"I'll be O.K. It's just some damn virus I
picked up from a computer."*



"Have a kinder, gentler day."



"I hear the heartbeat of Manhattan."



"All of us will have the traditional Thanksgiving dinner except Mr. Grenfell, who'll have the blackened catfish."



“Today the American public at long last O.D.’d on Pee-wee Herman, briefly settled its attention on Bruce Willis, then finally decided to embrace an all-new, revitalized, state-of-the-art Richard Nixon.”



“ ‘Mr. Evans,’ she said to me with that adorable smile, ‘I think you’re the nicest boy in the entire old-boy network.’ ”

BUDDY OPERAS



R. Chast



"What's 'ticktock'?"



*Unexpected Help for the Colonists
at the Boston Tea Party*



"Will the witness please tell the court exactly how long he's known the accused?"



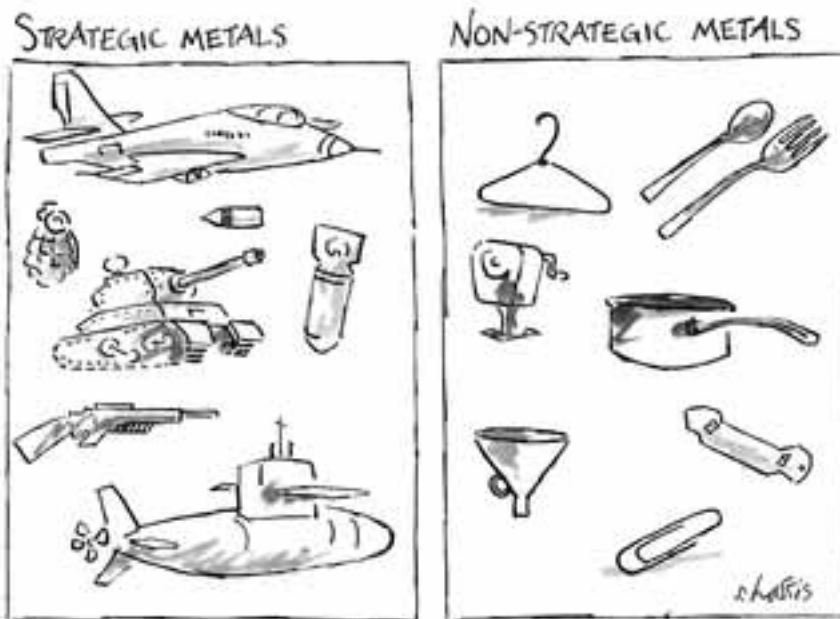


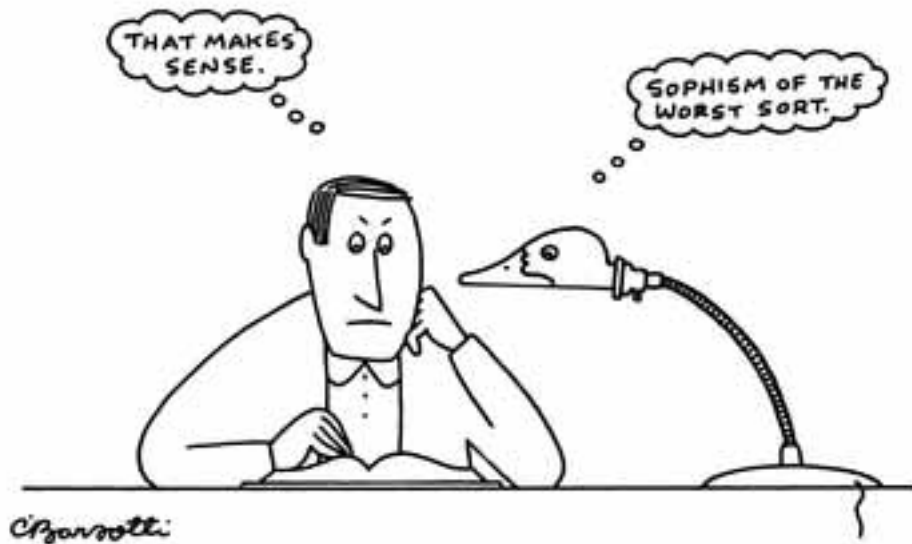


"Sorry, but I do not grant interviews."



“If you don’t like my apples, why do you shake my tree?”







"And now let us read His lips."





*"I can't quite picture who would enjoy
a gift in that price range."*



NEW CABINET POSTS FOR THE NINETIES (1 OF 8)



Secretary of Soaps

NEW CABINET POSTS FOR THE NINETIES (2 OF 8)



Secretary of Pets

NEW CABINET POSTS FOR THE NINETIES (3 OF 8)



Secretary of Real Estate

NEW CABINET POSTS FOR THE NINETIES (4 OF 8)



Secretary of Getting There

NEW CABINET POSTS FOR THE NINETIES (5 OF 8)



Secretary of Quality Time

NEW CABINET POSTS FOR THE NINETIES (6 OF 8)



Secretary of Dribs and Drabs

NEW CABINET POSTS FOR THE NINETIES (7 OF 8)



Secretary of Spunk

NEW CABINET POSTS FOR THE NINETIES (8 OF 8)



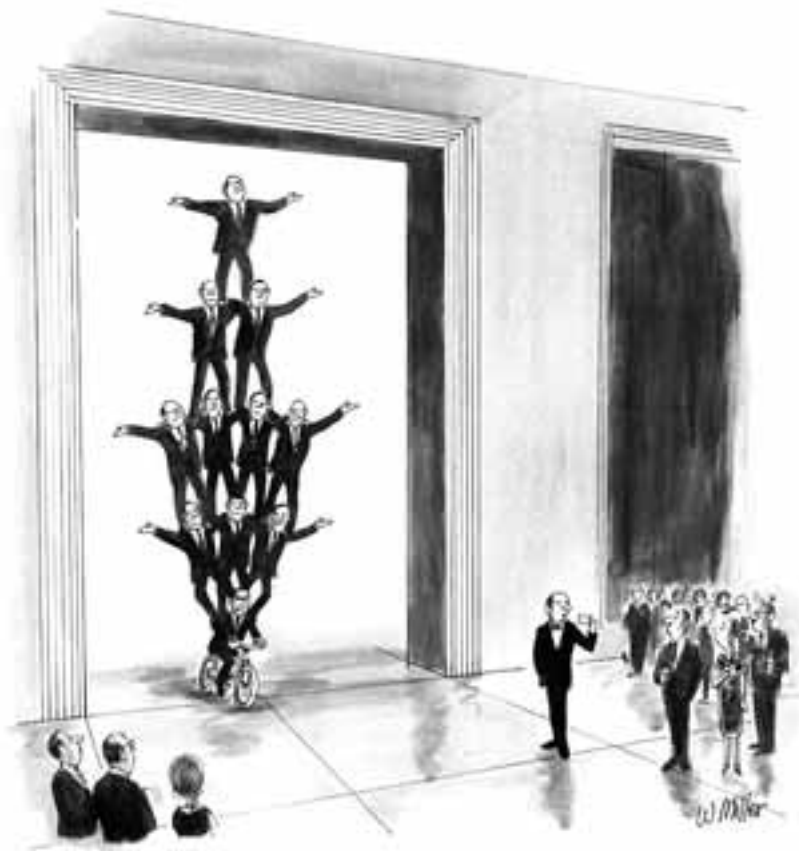
Secretary of Contretemps



"We medical practitioners do our very best, Mr. Nyman. Nothing is more sacred to us than the doctor-plaintiff relationship."



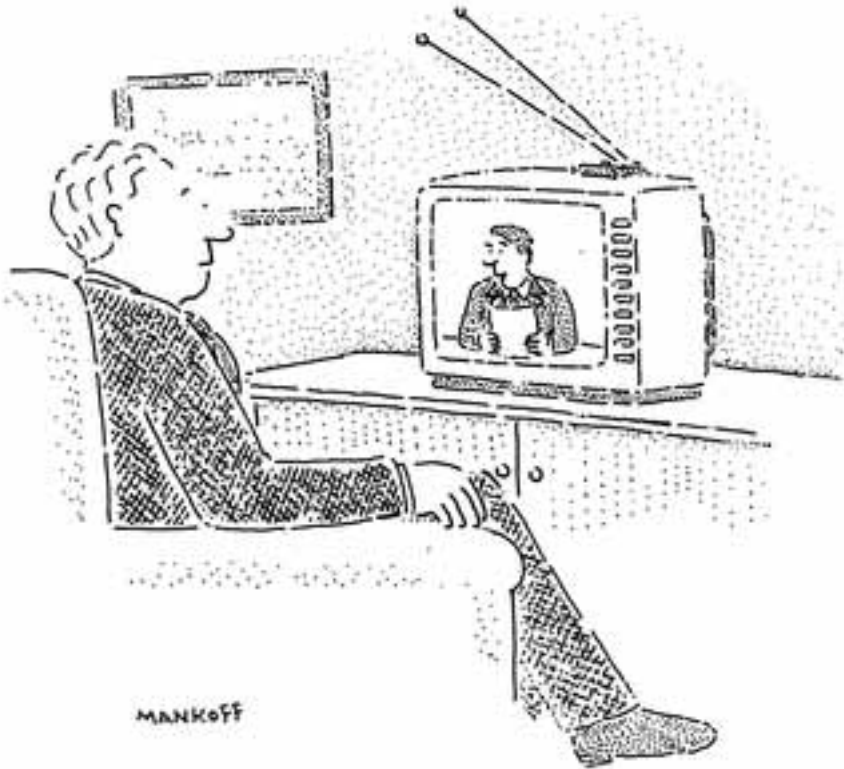
"All our vegetables are well done. It's a return to the old values."



*"The chairman and members of the board of directors of the
Kwtang Manufacturing Company, Ltd., of Beijing, China."*



"We have raccoons."



*“And, in the ongoing saga of Western civilization, declines
continue to lead advances by a wide margin.”*





“So much to learn about rap music, so little time.”







*"No, mine has a gold band with diamonds, fleurs-de-lis,
and four arches topped by a jewelled cross."*



“Apparently they’re going to stick to their story of love at first sight.”



*"Dear Santa: How about lunch with me at twelve-thirty
on the twentieth at the Princeton Club?"*



“You think it’s easy? How would you like to spend the day grappling with RJR Nabisco?”







“Miss Sargent! What do you know about plants?”



"He's certainly been getting a lot more than his normal share of media coverage lately."



THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE ROMAN COLOSSEUM





"By the way, I've ordered a cat."



TARZAN OF THE CRANES



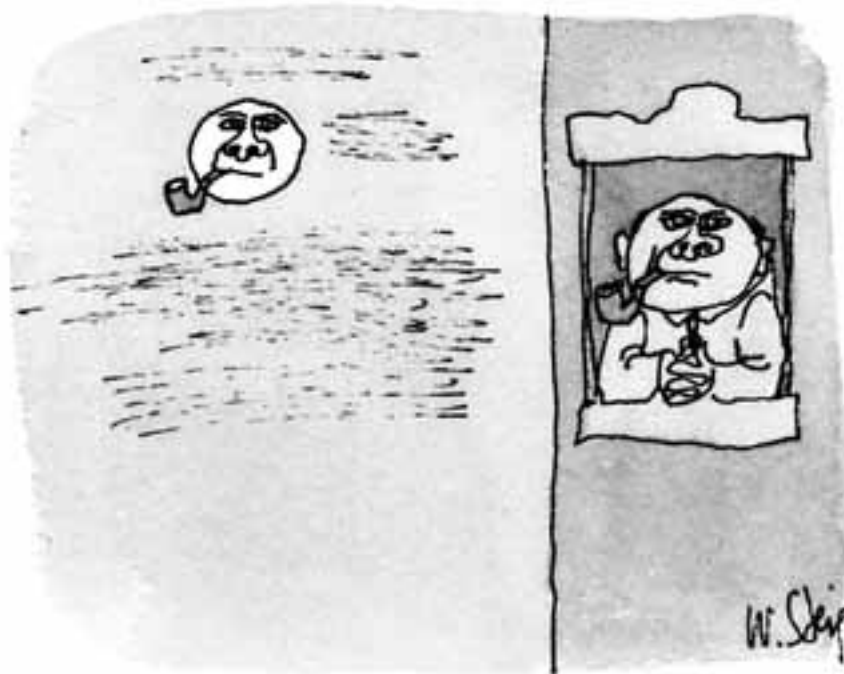
*"I've just bought five acres of prime oceanfront.
Want to help me build on it?"*



“Big day, Haskins. The training wheels come off.”

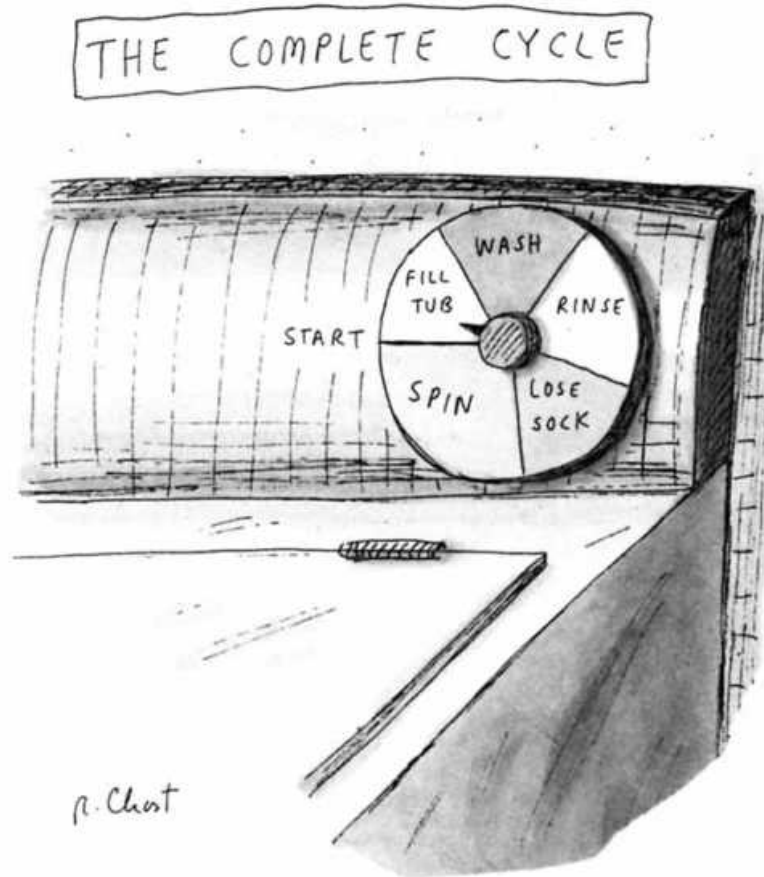


*"Here's one I know we had before, but I don't
remember if we hated it or loved it."*





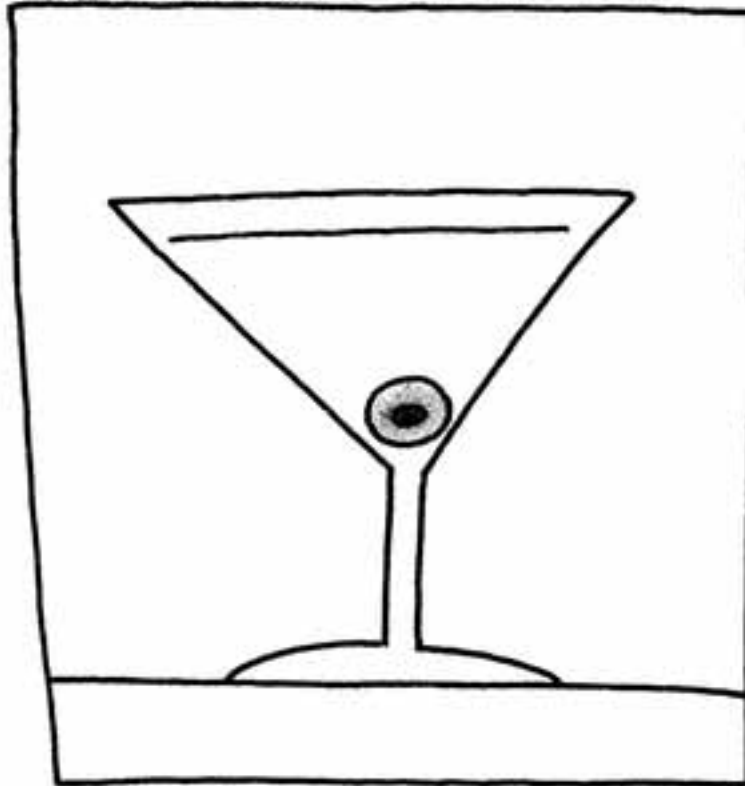






*"The Crandalls wish us a Merry Christmas, and add
that they're now worth over two million."*

CONTAINS NO COCONUT OIL



Charles Barsotti



"Sorry, Wendy, but a simple 'yes' is not good enough. I want a mandate."



“Big bows on shoes. More notes from the underground.”

PASTA OF THE EIGHTIES



CRAVATINI
(SKINNY TIES)



MORTAGELLI DUONI
(LITTLE SECOND MORTGAGES)



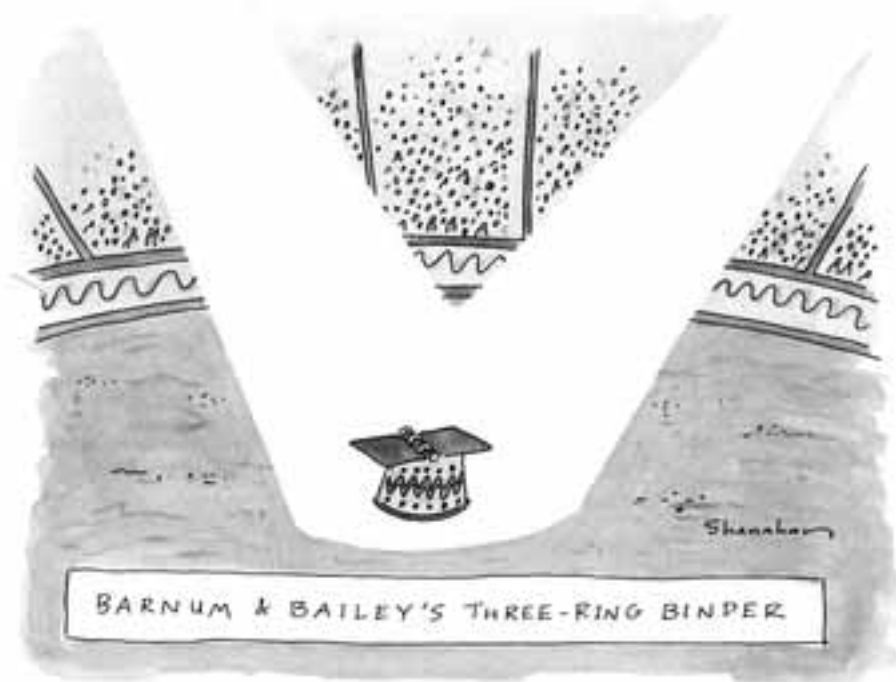
NOFUMARETTI
(NO-SMOKING SIGNS)



PORTOFONI
(PORTABLE PHONES)
(Leo Cullum)



"I think we're beginning to chip away at the stigma."





"I'm not sending Christmas cards this year."



*“You wish we were rich? Sweetheart, why didn’t you
tell me that thirty years ago?”*



“Level with me, Colonel. What kind of worst-case scenario are we talking about here?”



OVERPRIVILEGED CHECKING*

(*FOR THOSE WITH ASSETS OVER \$500,000,000,000.00)



R. Chast



Romulus (left) and Remus



“Who hired him?”



"I still think life is a cabaret, but he demurs."



"I understood it was to be appropriately garnished."



"Listen, everybody feels a little depressed around this time of year!"



“Don’t be silly—we’re being perfectly fine hosts.”



"This one's from you know who, so make a fuss and thank him."



“Wellness clinics, stress-management checkups, hypertension screenings, lab tests, crisis after crisis. Fibre foods, fish-oil capsules, unsaturated spreads, plaque. Say what they may, McCormack, we did it our way.”



The Shortest Day of the Year



*“To the rich, the very rich, and the super rich!
Have I left anybody out?”*



"It's the big guy."

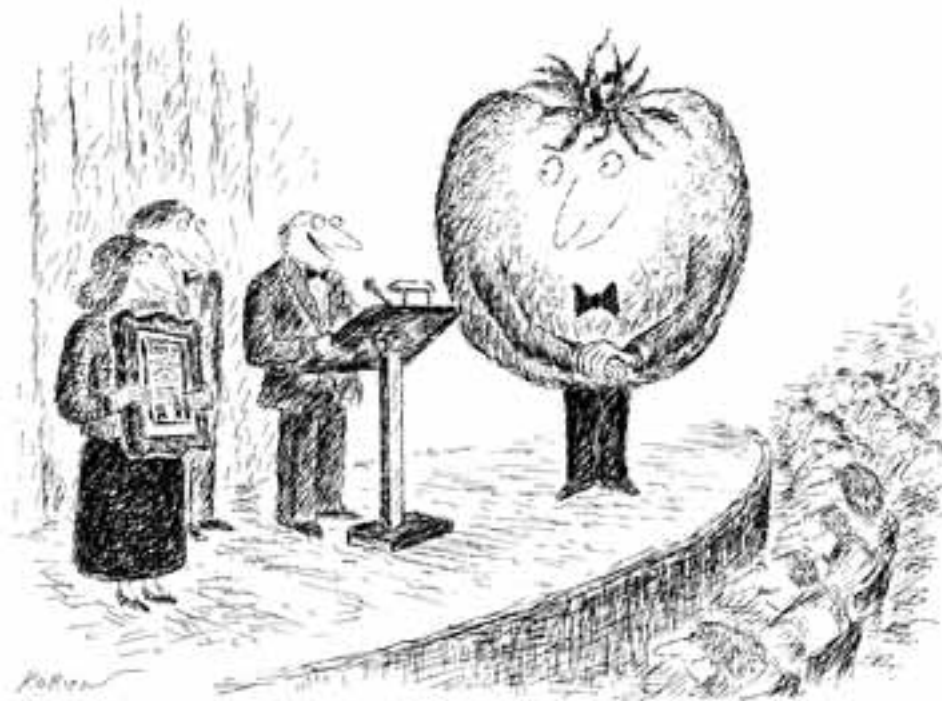


The Emersons at Home





"But first, our national anthem."



"We're presenting this year's award to the tomato—for the way he has deepened our understanding of world-conflict resolution, for fostering the ideals of peace, friendship, and international brotherhood, and for being delicious."



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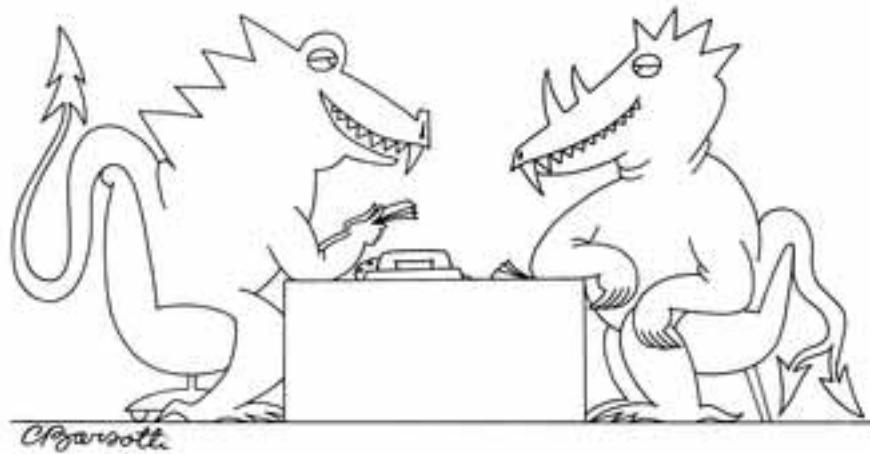


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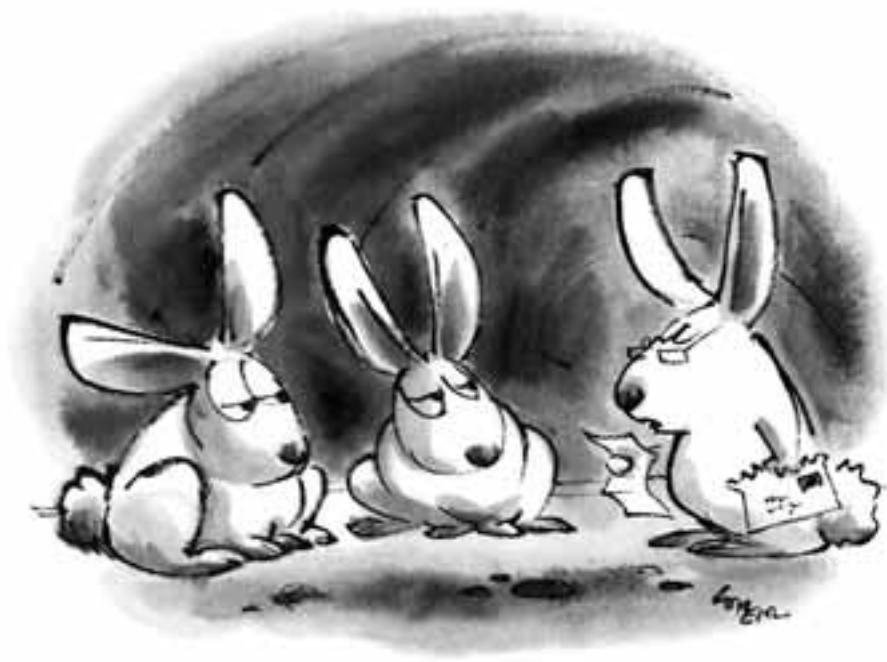


“Combination No. 5—no MSG.”



“Well, partner, we’re either going to be the greatest team ever to hit town or we’re going to end up killing each other.”

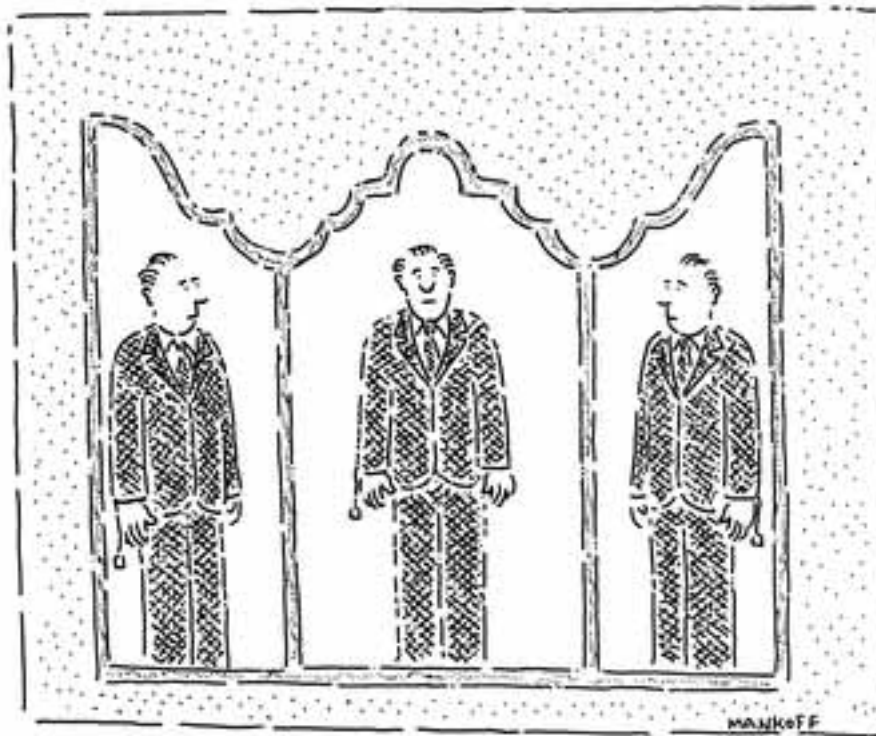




*"It's from Mr. McGregor. He's now willing to submit
to binding arbitration."*







The Haberdashery Triptych—the Barneys Collection, New York



"They want to play tonight. Do we still play?"

